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Occupied in writing &c before breakfast — The weather being Stormy I did not proceed as I expected to do in making collections for the Port Society - I therefore completed the preliminary arrangements and repaired to the C.J. House to bring up some small arrears of business — Detained at home after dinner till rather late by a call from Dr Hardy - who informed me that he was so far encouraged by his enquiries relative to the opening which may be expected for his establishment here in the Practice of Medicine, as to have almost decided to make the experiment. — Finished the afternoon at the C.J. House, and made another a call on my way home to see her and to remind her that this day I have completed my 48th year — found her very comfortable - in the full possession of her mental faculties though she near the middle of her 83rd year — An age to which few if any of her Children will reach with such undimmed faculties. Found

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a letter from Edmund in the Post Office which warrants the presumption that he & his bro.r are well — and shows the pleasure with which they contemplate their approaching vacation — May this year of my life now begun — if I should be permitted to see its close afford at its termination less equivocal proofs of its having been profitably spent with reference to my own highest interests and the interests of those with whom I am or may be associated than any which have preceded it — To ensure this result may I cultivate more assiduously my religious affections by the various means with which I may be favored, — remembering that it is by acting up to the measure of light received that I only can expect greater illumination — I must occupy with fidelity the talents already entrusted if I would hope for more or higher manifestations of the Spirit of Truth — this heavenly Visitant which is graciously promised as an abiding visitant with those who do the will of our Father in Heaven

4th day 25th. Went out before breakfast to get this Book and to Market — after breakfast read with mother H & children one of Thornton Prayers and devoted the remainder of the day the duties of my appointment as collector of funds for the Port Soc'y — had tolerable success though met with less promptitude in some cases than was consistent with despatch, and one or two owners of a small am't of Tonnage would not consent to the small contribution of 1 ¢ P.r Ton — I called once or twice at mothers in the course of the day and concluded the bargain with the Rail Road Co'y for the land required for the road in crossing her lots — Evg. at home partly occupied with Perry Russell on business, rem.d at home except making a short call at Cousin Anna Rotch's to put some letters in charge of her sons Benj and Rodman who leave for Phil.a tomorrow the latter to be placed with a farmer to get a knowledge of the business — Their Grandfather I think learned & his wife will

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also accompany them in consequence of more unfavorable accounts rec^d. of the health of their uncle Thomas — Machen th^s cold, is yet oppressive —

5^th. day 26^th. After the usual morning occupations I took my breakfast before the family to be at the Bank Directors meeting (now changed to 8½ Oclk) devoted the rem^r. of the Day to my business as Collector for the Port Society — made no great progress from the objection of some of the agents to pay without the declared assent of the individual owners — most of the day was therefore spent in calling on these, in all cases I was successful but sometimes after considerable talking — at Sunset I went to the C.J. House and spent the eve^g — in recording my private business and in writing to some persons in Boston &c to gain their assent to the tonnage charge on the Ships in which they are concerned here — which detained me till after 10 Oclk — Sister Phebe is again suf-

perieng an aggravation of her usual symptoms of ill health from the effects of a severe cold — and confined to the nursery &c — Ma chem H. is better — Our neighbors Thomas & Lydia Greene returned from Boston, where they have been during the session of the Legislature —

6th. Day 27th — devoted the day principally to the business of the Port Society, but had no great success. principally because the persons I wished to see were not readily met with —, called at mothers & in the eve. a moment to send letters by My nephew T. R. Roberson who has recently returned them from accompanying his wife & family to make a visit to her aunt Susan Davis before they establish themselves in their new house, he goes to morrow on business to Salem. in the eve — Peter Jenkins called to see me in relation to his wifes business, was the eve as she had herself done in the forenoon at the wharf — I having her property in trust, She proposing to buy a house which I disapprove

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Sister P. is much affected with her cold and D Read Called, but not to see her. — This day had the workmen begin the preparation for building a Green house for ma chere H. by removing the Garden fence and the removal of the wall of the bank for the transportation of the earth from the proposed Site which is east of the back parlor the front to be in a line with the South side of the Main house — procured 2d plants from a Stage at the wharf to protect the plants in the borders from the Cart wheels 7th day 28th — Made a call at bro Williams Green house before breakfast to get its dimensions — and saw Mary with her other Cousins who passed the night there in the absence of Sister Rebecca and her daughter Anna & infant at Boston where they have been for the week — bro: Wm returned thence yesterday, his Son in Law W.C. Roberts having gone to attend them home tomorrow — after Breakfast gave attention to the workmen who made an examination of the drain to the Cellar of my house

on 7th St — thence to the C.H. House. and to Mayor Takers on business of my wards &c — detained there till near 2 O'clk — assisted Frank at his arithmetic — before going again to the Store, stopped to see Mother on my way thither, and remained at the C.H. house. till dark — After hav. taken tea I was summond to William Wilkins he having been taken in a state of considerable exhaustion from the Dock at the foot of Union St — found Dr. Chase & Several others there who had disrobed him of his wet clothes and were preparing to assist him to a warm bed — remained with him till about 11½ O'clk. by which time the treatment — and application of hot water in bottles, hot bricks &c — the circulation was restored, with every probability of his restoration from this fearful incident the effect of his late abandonment to his intemperate habits, which has been almost continual for the last four weeks — The presumption in my mind is that he meditated Self destruction, or that he was under the effect of Delirium tremens (of which he had no that I understand given previous indications) as he

had no business at the wharf near where he fell or plunged, even for the further indulgence of his raging and unnatural thirst for the fiery poison, which had caused his degradation — and made him the curse instead of the blessing of his lately interesting family — and probably the remote cause of the death of his estimable wife —

1st day 29th Attended meetings with Frank at Friends house in Spring Street, and passed the remainder of the day at home except that I called after dinner to see N. Wilkins, and at Henry Russell's — Found the former pretty much over the effects of his almost fatal accident (if accident it were) I conversed with him but without much satisfaction — not finding the evidence of alarm & penitance which I should have liked to see — as warranting a hope of his reformation from his degrading habits — May he yet be awaked

to his danger and turn from the path which is hurrying him to destruction — Evg at home — Sister Sarah called between meetings to see the invalids — both of whom I think are considerably better — but little Ellen has been kept most of the day in the nursery by a cold which her mother thought rendered the confinement expedient —

2d. day 30th. Morning as usual at home. then to the Bank Directors meeting — Afterward devoted some time to the Port Soc. Collections and then to the C.H. House, where I spent most of the afternoon in preparing to file my Papers of the past year — Evg. at home, called on mothers in the Course of the day

3d. day — Had Isaac Jenning and his men opening the drains at my home on 7th St. and digging away the bank for the Green house — Spent some time with them — to ascertain which was the drain leading from the Cellar — found two rule

laid in brick, Stone & mortar with one of which, a blind drain appeared to communicate from the Cellar, the outlet to the former which appeared to terminate in Geo Howlands lot across the Street, having been long stopped failed how to pass off the water from the Cellar — a Mother sink drain having been made on the margin of the west side walk terminating at the N.E. Corner of 7th & Walnut Streets — concluded to take this up and sink it low enough to drain the Cellar also — the rem[r] of the business hours of the day were spent principally at the Cg House, Evg. at D. Jewetts lecture on Temperance at the old Unitarian Mg. house — which was in very unambitious style but presenting it in some striking light and it will I hope prove of some effect in awakening the dormant energies of the professed friends of Temperance into some activity — called and spent half

of an hour at 4th mo. 1840 his Hotel with him and then went to Mothers to wait upon Mary home who went with her dear Elvira under my escort to the Lyceum Lecture, from which I immediately withdrew to attend the other

4th. Day 4m 7 — Occupied at intervals in observing the operations of my men at the Drain at 7th St. House and the digging for the Sewer House — mm. of the day the C.S. House evg. at home. The Children had the 1st of April Stew

5th day 2d — Spent the morning at the C.S. Ho — attended the sitting of the Quarterly meeting except taking a recess of an hour for Dinner — the Meeting held till 4 P.M. O'clk — There was little to mark it from those which I was in the habit formerly of attending, except perhaps that some of more intelligent and formerly influential Members were missed, in giving promptitude and directness to the Course of action — Ch. Osborne of Indiana was there — and in both meetings (for worship & busi Spoke acceptably — I spent the latter part

of the afternoon at the Cg. House, eve. at home, except going to C.M. Morgans for the two youngest Children who were visiting there

6th. day 3. Morning at the Counting house Spent some time in overseeing my workmen at the 7th St. House continuing the Cellar drain to its termination on the S. side of Geo Howlands sidewalk with a perpendicular opening — Gave some time to the business of the Port Society, Called at Mothers and Spent the remr of the day at Counting house duties. walked out on an errand in J. after tea to the S. part of the Town, and Spent the remr of the eve. at home partly in the Nursery when Ma chas H. by an increase of her symptoms of indisposition, a severe headache pain in her chest and tendency to faintness — Dr Read was called and prescribed. — Our neighbor Thos. A. Greene called and Spent an hour — Sister Phoebe is also more troubled with a great irritability of the lungs —

4th Day 4th — Spent the morning partly at the C.J. house. Calling on the way to see the Carpenters about my Mechanic room — made a Copy of my Meteorological notes for last Mo and sent them via New York to Prof. Espy. Signed with A Robeson (Gth delin.) a bond to the Town of New Bedford in the penal sum of $6000 for the completion of the Continuation of Water St. from Middle to North Street agreeably to the Condition of the Vote of 20th. Mo. 1839. and removing obstructions in 2 years from the 20th. Inst — $4000 to be paid the parties making the road by the Town, which it is hoped will cover the damages which may be awarded to Gen. Lincoln for his land over which it will pass and the removal of his house — Gave some attention to the Post Soc. business &c and after dinner went to Gifford & Tripp's Machine Shop on Bedford St. for my Grindstones which have been put in complete repair and newly hung, the small one to move by a treadle to use in my Mechanic room — Sun. of the afternoon at the C.J. House — and U.S. as the Whig Mg —

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where an address was delivered by Goodrich of Roxbury (Peter Parley) which was a forcible statement of the various Policy of our National administration, based on undeniable facts, and enlivened by pleasant and striking illustrations — Ma. Chen H. has been better to day — relieved from pain in her head & Chest — but confins to the nursery

1st. 5th. Attended Meeting at the Friends place of worship AM & PM. — Frank with me in afternoon, who went with his three sisters in the forenoon to Grace Church — Spent a considerable part of the intermission in reading to Father Prior from Gurney's Essays Ch. & Sarah called in the afternoon — Ma. Chen H & Sister both above Stairs to day but both more comfortable — after read. as usual with the Children (in the nursery) I made a call at James Arnold and Thos. A. Greene's

2d. day 6th — Attended the Town mg. for the choice of Town Officers, after the

usual morning occupations, called at Mothers and spent the remr of the day principally at the C.H. house, wd as home and read Mrs Barbaulds fine letters on the study of history — The Whig Party confined all of the Offices to men of their own Party — a system which is too much in accordance with the Loco-foco policy to suit my notions. I would have had a majority of Whigs but I would have retained some of the decidedly useful and competent men for these Municipal Offices of the other Party — ma chere H & Sister below Stairs at 2 meals — both better

3d day 7th morning at home, after — called at Mothers, went to the C.H. House, and attended a meeting of the Trustees of the Institution for Savings — then went with Francis Greene (our new man) to the Shingle Mill near my Brs Benjn farm to get some Saw dust for an interlining between the Jessens and the second floor for the east Part of the School Room which is to

converted into a little work shop or room for turning &c &c - after getting the Sandwich I walked down the embankment for the rail road as far as raised toward the further terminus - the depot building being raised - Afternoon principally occupied in directing and assisting my workmen in improving the accommodations at the shed to cover the working vehicles &c - they were also employed in restoring the posts of the fence to their perpendicular position, deranged by the gusts of winter, besides loading the carts at the side of the Green House -

Spent a short time at the C.J. house and went in the evg. to hear Mr. Beaumont lecture at the Lyceum on pneumatics - Ellen went with us, and her father called in the evg. to attend her home

4th day 8th Occupied in reading &c in the morng. - called at mothers after giving some attention to the workmen at the side of the Green house &c - the brick drain

from the Cellar was found to be more to the Southward than I had supposed so that I fear it will be necessary to make the Cistern north of the Central line of the house which will involve the necessity of removing a large Accassia tree which will be a matter of some regret — Spent a little time at the C.G. House without making a fire though the mercury stood at 25 this morg & remained at a low range for the Season — Most of the afternoon at home with the Carpenters who are making the work shop in the School room — called to see Uncle Wm who with his wife and Grandson B.S.R. returned yesterday from his visit to Cousin Thos at Philadelphia — whom he left tolerably comfortable though I infer that his fatal disease is going on to a fatal termination at no distant period — Spent a short time at the C.G. House — and the Aft. at home, reading to the family Dyers Rome of Rome, which is a fine poem &c — Our Boys are probably in Phil.a this afternoon

18 5th. day 9th. 4mo 1840 morning in readg. &c at home
after breakfast to Bank, Mothers &c and
the Cg. House, afternoon gave some time
to the operations in completing the work Shop
or mechanical Room, had the Boat brot. from
the boat Shop where it has been repaired and
painted finished the afternoon at the Cg Room
&c. at home, readg. to ma chen &c &c — We
suppose our boys left Phila. this morng. and
that they embarked from New York at 5
O'clk. this afternoon, if so and no adverse
event should befal them we may have
the pleasure of greeting them at Dinner
to morrow —
6th. day 10th. Occupied at home in the morn-
ing in readg. writing &c forenoon at the
Court. House and sundry other places. Called
at mothers &c — On returning to dinner had
the satisfaction of greeting our dear boys &
their Uncle Edmund who accompanied them
as protector from Haverford — They appear
in good health — much better in this respect
than at the close of the last Session —

—for this added favor may we all be grateful
— Spent the afternoon partly in the workshop showing the boys how to use the lathe &c afterward at the Cg. House — went with the Children in the Wg. to the surprising legerde main exhibitions of "Senzior Blitz" — The Hall was crowded and all seemed highly entertained with his wonderful & seeming-ly miraculous performances —

5th day 11th At home in the Mg. occupied part of the time in the work Shop. — After breakfast at Bank, Mathews &c &c on business, afternoon on a Comtee of the Town to report on sundry applications for Streets — then to the Cg. House, took tea at Mothers' to save time in order to be at the meeting of the School Comtee — at the Athenaeum, where the Wg. was principally spent in organizing for the duties which the appointment involves

1st day 12 Morng. Spent in readg, writing &c Attended meeting. All with all of the Children except Ellen — and had to come

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home in a hard Shower, Spent the afternoon in father's room with Bro & Edmund &, in going to meeting with the boys, all of the others at home, partly on acct of the unsettled weather — After the usual 1st day ex cises Benj S. Rotch called and Spent the eve with us

2d day 13th Went on Sundry errands before breakfast, afterward attended the Summons of the Chr of One of the Coms of the Town in relation to the Markets but finding on reference to the Vote of appointment that I was not of the Comtee — I withdrew and attended to my own & my Mothers concerns &c — Called at Gent Lincolns — and on the subject of the continuation of Water St northwardly through his premises, and had from himself as I had had before through my Bro B — the assurance that neither he nor his wife would have their feelings hurt by carrying into effect the plan — and that he would be satisfied

with such damages for the inconvenience
of removg. his buildings and for the land
of which he should be deprived, as
the fulfilment of the provisions of the
law in such cases should give him
— in preference to any compromise
of the matter — Spent the after-
noon at the Cg. House, Evg. at home
— which T. A Greene spent with us
principally in Father's room — Our four
elder elder children being at their Un-
cle Morgans to tea &c — I called
a few minutes at Bro Williams, on an
errand, he with sister R. had just re-
turned from Fall River when the former
went to attend the Qrt. Mtg of the Po-
casset Cg — they report Sister Lydia
better — The Ship Rodman Capt Dexter
arrived to day from her voyage to the East
of Good Hope — reports 1400 bls. Sperm Oil &
1000 B.W. out about 30 months
3d day 14th morning at home — Occupied
nearly all day about the house. Suspend

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the men employed in fitting the Sash of the proposed Green House for the Mason who are to be here to-morrow, had a pretty large Cherry tree removed to prevent its Shading the Green House, placed it within the Shrubbery about the pump — had a new and longer Stone post set for the large West Gate, put it about 4 feet into the Ground, the former one being but about 2 ft. in the Ground was so disturbed by the post that the Gates could not work well. Called at Mothers — with wife after the Lecture at the Lyceum by Chs Congdon — Walter Mitchell was at tea with us and remained with Mrs at home, Ed & Mary & Frank going with me to the Lecture

4th Day 15th Occupied about home and in going to sundry places including my Sis. lots to arrange for Stones for the Underpinning &c of the Green House & the Masons having begun to day to lay the walls, PM at the C.J. House, Calling at Mothers in

going and returning, ~~and~~ C. & J. at home with the whole family. Except Thomas who went to see the surprising feats of Signor Blitz 5th. Day 16th. Devoted the ~~day~~ forenoon to the duty imposed by the appointment of the Town in relation to Franklin hill Road. having set off with one of my Colleagues Calvin Staples at 7½ to explore and gain information respecting the same — called at Acushnet Village on Cyrus E Clark Surveyor had retraced the road as recorded, which was found to deviate very considerably through almost its whole course from the present travelled way — and at its westerm termination or junction with the road to Allen's Mills. the deviation as worked is about half a mile — In returning we followed the embankment of the Rail road to the Nash Road, and made some examination or enquiry relative to the Purchase St Road which was referred to the same Com^te — home

about 12 — gave some attention to the work about the premises. Afternoon. at S. Lot & W. lots and gave further attention to the purchase St. Rd — with a view to recommending its being widened to 50 feet — Spent an hour at the C. House towards evg — Then returned and went with Ma chen H to Bro: Benj.m — to meet a small party of Y & Y. Hussey &c, went & returned with sister Elisa in mothers Carriage 6th. day 17.th at home read. writ &c before breakfast, Spent most of the forenoon at mothers in relation to the sale of her farm in Dartmouth. returned home a little before 12 O'Clk to see our Bro: Edmund set off on his return to Newyork — but found that he had deferred his departure on acct. of his business [illegible] another day — after dinner went by appointment to Dartmouth to conclude by the judgment of judicious men on the fair price for the farm re-

ferred to above, took out with me Abigail W. Rider the widow of the Mortgagor to my father who felt as though she yet had an interest in the place where the most interesting period of her life was spent - The men selected were Rowland Rider William Potter and Capt. Wm Tucker - They examined the farm and fixed the value at $1625.- with which sum the blank left in the executed deed for the consideration was filled — Gave the order for delivering the premises, and appointed R.R. to adjust on behalf of my mother the amt. arising from the conditions of the lease with the tenant and reached home about 8 Oclk — Called after tea to report to my mother the doings in the case and then went to the Episcopal Church near the Close of the Service (Good Friday) to wait upon mrs. Chace H. & daughter Mary home — Our boys Ed & Thos. at a juvenile debating Society by invitation of some of the members of their acquaintance

7th. day 18th. Occupied in the morning as usual and taking measures for our daily physical Sustenance — forenoon devoted to my report as Ch. of a com. on one of the articles in the Town Warrant viz that relating to Purchase Street and Tarkiln hill road — Afternoon Spent at the Town Meeting chiefly & in correcting or recopying the Report, attend to agree with facts learned after it was first prepared. Eve. at home, had a call from the Rev. Mr Sewall agt of the Am. Seamen's Friend Soc. as Have accompanied & introduced by Mr Beane. His object of travel is to raise funds for erecting a Chapel at that Place — The Ship Roscoe sailed to day Mc Cleave master for the Pacific Ocean

1st. day 19th. Occupied in reading & writing &c before breakfast, — after breakfast I called at the different houses of worship excepting only Friends to leave for distribution, numbers of the Temperance journal — I then went to

to the Rev. Mr. Roberts' Meeting to hear Mr. Sawtell from Haverhill who occupied the pulpit and gave us an interesting discourse. — The Children were at Sunday meeting — which I attended in the afternoon with Ned & Frank, the others being at the Episcopal & at Mr. Jackson's with Harriet — Ma chere H. detained at home with an inflamation in her left eye, which disqualifies her for reading — After the usual evening exercises I called at Mothers and at C. N. Morgans, and saw Sister Ann and Bro: B at the former place.

2d. day 20th. Spent the morning as usual at home after breakfast attended to some business for my mother under the head of her charities which with some other matters took up the forenoon — Afternoon went again into Dartmouth in relation to my mothers farm to make a settlement with her tenant, which required the aid again of three men, and the afternoon from 3 O'Clk was used up before

the came to a definite conclusion. My son Thomas went out with me in the big and we took a walk to Jacobs while the ofers were deliberating — then we met Edmund and Henry who rode out on horseback. the former on a horse of J R Anthony's on trial he being for Sale — I also rode him a mile or two, viz to the junction of the Road by Wm Potters with the Road from Smiths mills to Westport, at or near the house of Othniel Tripp — We found Jacobs family well and the land walked into 3 lots, most of which is a State for tillage, but of a light and sandy Soil + the house looked tolerably comfortable but much less so in its State of repair and finish as well as less in Size than that which they left. We reached home about 8 O'Clk, and after a hasty meal I went to the Cg. House to dispose of my accts books as usual for the night the Iron Safe at the small dwell. House Contiguous. and called

at Mothers to report the progress in her affairs at Dartmouth —

3d day 21 — Morning at home — Spent some time ~~at~~ in calling on sundry individuals as Coll^r of the Port Soc^y — and devoted the remainder of the day to Counting house duties — had the Company of the Rev. Eli N. Scantell at tea, whom I sent in our Gig after tea to make a call at J. A. Parker's in hope of aids of his object, to obtain the means of erecting a Chapel for American Seamen & others at the Port of Havre in France. While he was absent I converted his gleanings here into a check on Newyork by calling on one of the Cashiers of our Banks, and called at Jn^o F. Emersons on Temperance business —

— Our 3 oldest Children were at tea at Gen. Howlands where the boys met some of their School fellows from New York —

4th 22d. Morning as usual at home, after

breakfast rode on horseback to sundry places on errands including a visit to my South Lots. where they getting out stone for the Green House and the Alteration of the Shop on the Upper John Lot. about noon repaired to the Cy. House, where with the exception of Dinner &c I Spent the day — Evg. at home — Ellen & Joanna visiting Mary — B.S. Rotch called in the eve to wait upon his Sister home 5th. day 23 Morning read &c at home Forenoon rode with Ed. on horseback and thus attended to some domestic objects. Principally in Searching for a lot of Elm trees which I heard of in town for Sale — did not succeed in finding them — but procured two from S W Heath — not so good as I would have preferred but I thought it better to take the risk of them than to Spend the day in getting them from the woods which Seemed the only alternative Occupied till near the dinner hour in at-

tending and assisting in Setting them out
— One in front of the House and one on the
Corner of Walnut & Cy Sts — Afternoon at
the Cy. House. Eve'g. at a Meeting of
a few friends of temperance at the
Athenaeum — found on my return that
there was a small Cy. of Children
at tea including three of the Haverford
Scholars Geo. at tea &c Robert Bowne
John Hussey & Robt. Howland

6th day 24 Occupied as usual in the morng
Spent the forenoon principally in making
Collections for the Port Soc'y — after dinner
went with our daughters Mary & Sue
with their aunt Phebe to Dr. Flagg's room
where I remained till about 5 Oclk. M
had several teeth filled Sue & myself had ea.
one extracted, the little girls came exceedingly
handy — it is a sad necessity to which
our dear children are subjected in conse-
quence of What?. An Improper deviation from
the habits of this exercise & the entail-
ment of sin in some respects vicious

civilization? It would be a blessing if the Specific causes were so distinct that they could be identified and avoided — After returning home I finished a little writing and then called on T. A Greenes & J. F. Emerson's on my way to the Cg-House where I spent most of the Eg-. Called at Mother's before noon and found her suffering under the effects of a cold — attended by a severe cough which is to her an unusual Symptom —

7th day 25th. Spent the morning and most of the forenoon at home reading the Inspector. Called about noon and walked home with Sister Phebe from D. Flagg's room — Spent the afternoon principally at the Cg house. At Mothers at tea with all the Children & Thos. A. Greene's Fam'y. afterw. and went with him to the meeting & the Sch. Com'e — Our two elder boys took a ride, with some of their young friends & Henry as caretaker on horseback this afternoon — Thos. seemed a good

dical fatigued and returned early with his younger Sisters from his Grandmothers — Had a new Grate put into our Kitchen Stove this mg — probably the last as the Verdict of the family is decidedly against a continuance of the use of the Rotary the defect or failure in baking being the most important objection — We wish to decide on a substitute previous to discarding it

1st day 26th. Attended meetings at Frds' — with Edr & Fk. Alle & Frank only in the afternoon — the others except Tho. who is troubled with a cold & Sore throat were part of the day or all both mgs. at the Episcopal — their mother with them in the afternoon — Geo Hussey of Newyork called between meetings and bro: Wm to see father P. in the afternoon — had the usual reading with the Children in the ev — I spent an hour or two in reading audibly to father P. from J. J. Gurney's Essays —

2d day 27 Occupied most of the morning and forenoon at home on Stock errands

having reference to our Garden, having been disappointed of the person on whom we had relied for the practical skill required for the flower borders &c - I failed also in the only other quarter when I hoped the disappointment could be supplied, we must therefore rely on the inferior aid which we have in conjunction with some extra attention from ourselves — afternoon made some preparation for some company this evg. and read the Anti Slavery paper & afterwards ended this division of the day at the Cg. House. Had in the evg. the Company of our neighbor T. A. Green's family: including Phebe Ann Comstock - Mr. & Mrs. Brace Miss Wister, Miss Osgood bro.s Benj.in's family & W.m Rotch & sister Eliza 3.d day 28.th I spent the morning in reading &c & in some domy. cares connected with our visit from our friends yesterday — forenoon spent in writing an article for the newspaper on the Subject of Temperance

and in making a call at Mary Tebbets
— afternoon about home, reading the Anti-
Slavery news, Consulting with the Car-
penter D. Pierce relative to the Green House
& wash house &c in the bas[t]. beneath
— visited with him my brother William's
establishment and examine the compart-
ments appropriated to these objects, then
repaired to the C.G. House and attended
to my duties there till dark — and
took tea and Spent the eve at
Eliza Drinkers, with me Chen to
Mary & Tho[s]. — Ed[d]. confined to the nur-
sery to day with a return of his old
bilious affection attended with nausea
and Pain in the bowels — The conse-
quence of improper indulgence in eat-
ing, and want of a reasonable attention
to that regularity and moderation
which the laws of our physical nature
enjoin, called at mothers before din-
ner She seems very well again and
cheerful

4th. Day 29. This day has been rainy & I spent most of it in reading and so forth at home — a principal part of which was the report of the Board of Education to the Legislature at their late Session. it is very interesting and instructive Document — towards night I went to the C.J. House &c — C.J. with ma Chas H & the three elder Children at our Cousin Sarah Arnolds to tea &c where were our neighbor T. A Greene's family. and their nephews & nieces & two of Capt. Randall's children which made a juvenile division of numbers about equal to the adult proportion of the party — it was a pleasant evening — Edmund left the nursery to go with us. thought I had some doubts of its prudence, particularly as the C.J was raining

5th Day 30th Morning at home employed in writing reading &c Forenoon wholly spent in reference to the temperance meeting for

the evening, principally in preparing and sending Special notices to about 100 individuals — In the afternoon I rode into the Country with my Son Thomas on horseback about 7 miles on business connected with my fathers Estate, making a call or two with reference to the Port Society and the Temp.ce Mtg. Eve'g at the Temperance Meeting which was attended by from 50 to 75 persons, and the predominant feeling appeared to be that the time for action in abating the evils which now press upon & more alarmingly threaten this Comy. from the Vending of Ardent & other Spirituous liquors was come, and a Comtee was appointed to report measures &c to an adjournment of the Mtg. to the time & place which the Comtee may designate through the Newspapers, when prepared.

5 m.o 1.st 6.th 4.th week. Engaged in my usual occupations in the morning, after breakfast gave some attention to transplanting a pretty large Cherry tree taken from the lot of A. Upjohn

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. and more time to the subject of our children's clothes for the coming term at Haverford. called at Mothers & finished the forenoon at the G. House — afternoon principally occupied in setting and securing the cherry tree. Spent a short time towards evg. at the G. House and remained after tea at home — the three elder children called. Spent the evg. at Cousin Anna Rotch's — where also was their Cousin Ellen whom her father called here to attend on her return home.

7th. day 2. Took a walk with little Ellen before breakfast. and called at Jno. A. Parkin's & Th. R. Roberts — at the latter we saw little Anna & her nurse — the weather very clear but cool — we had a pleasant walk and reached home in time for the devotional reading after breakfast. I accompanied the two younger boys & Walter Mitchell in the wagon who were going to sail their boats on the Mill Pond — as far as Allen Street, to save part of the walk

to the "Hill School" which it was made my duty to superviss — but I found that the rule for the weekly vacation did not correspond with those of the Schools in the compact part of the Town — the whole of this day of the week being so assigned — I therefore failed in my object — and returned to the Cg. House where I was occupied without little intermission except for dinner till near Sunset; I then returned home to prepare for a visit at tea at Sister Annis with our Fam.y alone and to take the Attn.s in my way to meet the Temp.ce Comm.e which occupied my time till about 8 ÷ Oclk —

1.st Day 5.th Attended meetings at Spring St. House AM & PM the two younger boys with me in the M.g — Eddy quite unwell with sore throat head ache & fever, & nausea on the bed in the nursery all day had D.r Spooner to see him in the ev.g — D.r Read being confined & quite ill with an inflamation of the eyes. D.r S. thinks it an attack of Scarlet fever — Mary attended the Episcopal Ch.

with her sisters. Capt Morgan called towards evg. and D. Hardy & Judge Prescott in the evg— the former having concluded to attempt to share the patronage of this Comy. in the practice of his profession — my nephew S. W. Rodman and family returned from Boston yesterday to spend the Summer at Home Keeping here — I called at Mothers in the evg— and found her very well

2d day 4th Occupied about home ready to be in the Mg., a considerable part of the forenoon was devoted to business connected with the Port Society. Spent a short time at the Cy. House before dinner and returned home to copy my meteor. 2d Journal for Mr Espy — and spent the rem. of the day in ready de I had planned to prune my fruit trees but the rain prevented my doing so. I had the moss rubbed from the Shrubs and trees. Evg. at home. retired early the little sleep of the last night disqual-

ifying me for readg— Edmund seems
better this afternoon D. Spooner has been
here 3 times to day — and we hope that
the worst is past. —
3d day 5th Morng. at home readg. &c. Forenoon given to some domestic duties &
to some seasonable work on the Shrubbery
trees &c — afternoon continued the same
engagements — till compelled by the rain
to desist which at 5½ P.M. it had ceased slightly at intervals all day — remr. of
the day & evg. spent in readg. of J. S. Buckinghams Claims on the British East India Company, and his efforts & those of his friends to
obtain redress, and to break down the monopoly which that tyranical & oppressive
Co. had till 1834 of the trade to the E. I.
& China. The Autr. gives him in a very favorable light as a man of talents energy courage
& address, though he failed in obtaining redress
for his personal injuries, and the destruction of
his property with its ample profits — Edd.
is better to day Dr Spooner has been once to day

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4th. Day 6th. — Morning. Spent in reading at home and in finishing the pruning of the trees in the Garden — after breakfast rode into Dartmouth to get men to expedite the operations of the Masons who have to day begun to build the Greenhouse wall above the underpinning delayed for several days by the wet weather and the placing of the floor joists &c — then repaired to the Wharf & Cg. House where the arrival of the Winslow required my attention, and similar engagements consumed the rest of the day. Eve. at home except that towards its close I made a call with my wife on business at Br. Wms — where I saw — Sam & Emma recently from Boston

5th. Day 7th. Morng at home — Forenoon at the Cg. House &c attending to the business of the Winslow and her men. Afternoon had some conversation with Caroline Hillertein whom I had brot. from Gothenburg Sweden about 8 years ago and who has since commended herself to our kind interest and regard, in relation to her

proposed marriage with Philip Shearman a sea faring young man of some promise. She expects to leave our house to day of her own choice for the lodgings which they expect to occupy as boarders while he remains on shore after their marriage - on first day next -

- I then repaired to Mr. Prescotts Office & Mothers and the City House, and made an effort to attend the funeral Solemnities of Allice Swain as her mothers Del.d Braytons. but finding myself too late I rode to visit the "Hill School" the Special supervision of which has been assigned to me by the Comtee as it does I rode some miles on the Perrys neck & Tarklin Hill Road, while stopping to converse with Levi Hawes near his house on the Subject of temperance - I left my horse in the road adjacent without hitching - after standing quite a while for some time he was startled by the sudden appearance of lowing of a white faced Cow and ran off - I followed him to the

Rail Road Crossing but with so little prospect of Catching him that my concern lest his appearance at home with the bridle on his neck might alarm the family for my safety led me to take the rail road into town and I got home at 6 $\frac{20}{60}$ Oclk having walked the distance in about 53 minutes — The horse not having appeared my man rode out for him and found him to a team that was coming into town — the teamster having caught him probably not far from when I last saw him — after tea I rode to the Store to take care of my books, called at Mathers & the Post Office and afterwards remained at home — Ed. continues to improve, sits up & reads most of the day —

6th. day 8th. Morng. at home. Forenoon at the Mg. of the Academy trustees. when I was occupied till 12 Oclk. I then called at Cousin Anna Potchi's to see her brother

James. but he was out, then I called to enquire after D. Read, and was asked up to see him — he has been a great sufferer with an inflamation in the eyes. wch. he supposes was communicated from an infant patient. for two weeks the pain & distress has been very great and some doubts have been entertained whether he would not lose the sight of one — he was sitting up in a darkened room his eyes Covered and very feeble. the pain has however much subsided and I hope he will be fully assured that partial blindness will not be the permanent result — after writing up the doings of the Sup. & after dinner — I walked out on a temperance expedition. called at three places where liquor was said to be illegally sold and conversed with the proprietors on the subject with some satisfaction. thus the day was finished and I was at home through the ev. with the exception of a call on Mothers and the lodgings of Lydia Barney to attend sister

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Eliza and Ma chen H. — Edr. was below stairs a little while to day — D. Rad two youngest Children visiting ours, at tea &c —

4th day 6th. Spent the Mg. in reading at home forenoon called at mothers and made some enquiries relative to the Spirit trade and finished it and the afternoon at the Cg. House — attended a Mg. of the Cond. on Temp. in the Mg before returning to tea or supper of bread & water between 9 & 10 Oclk Edr. continues to amend, but is yet in the nursery

1st day 10th Spent the Mg in writing & reading — attended Meetings forenoon and afternoon with the 2 younger boys at Spring St House, Ma. Chen H and the Girls at Grace Church, in the afternoon had a call from Jn. Howland & J. H. John L Bowne. they having called principally to see Father Prior — A. Roberson also called — and D. Hardy spent the Eve with us they which are missed of the usual 1st Day Eve. Social reading — L. Rad. Morgan also here

2d. day 11th. M.J. at home, attended the M.J. of Bank Directors, and spent the rem: of the day at the Cg House till rather late in the ev. after tea called to enquire after D. Reed who is yet without much decided improvement in his diseased eyes.

3d. day 12th. M.J. at the Cg. House. forenoon at the Examination of the Hill School. Pm occupied at the Cg. House principally in relation to my mother's business, till after dark, called at J Ellis with ma chez Mr at Cousin Anna Coates' whither mother & Sarah repaired earlier. to see Anna's Beatie James - and in our presence the latter who is devoted to his religious duties performed his usual ev devotions — an example to the approach of the present generation of Christians is rare, but which commends itself with irresistable force to our reason as well as our Christian feelings - he read in the bible and made

what appeared to be an extemporaneous ~~and~~ yet ~~it~~ was an excellent prayer — may the practice become more prevalent 4th Day 13th Mo. at the Cj House after breakfast fulfilled the intention long contemplated of riding over to see Dr. Robbins and his library — Mother & and the children except Mary & Sue made the party — we found the Dr. at home and spent the forenoon very pleasantly — stopped a minute or two in the Village (Mattapoisett) and reached home at dinner time — Afternoon spent partly about home, consulting with the Masons who having finished the walls of the Green House are now topping down the main chimney many of the bricks having been loosened by the frost &c — it being necessary also for uniformity to cut off part of the cylindrical tops of brick of the S.E. chimney at least (one being broken, as those of the S.W. chimney have been before) — repaired for

a short time to the wharf & Cg Home &
then accompanied my dr Mary & son Ed.
in a ride on horseback — Eve. at a mg
of the Temp. Comtee & afterward went
to attend Mrs Chen Hd Mary from Chh —
where Mr Snow preached on "Confirmation"
— the three boys took tea at our
neighbor T. A. Greens with the Ford Walkers
5th day 14 Devoted the day with little
exception to my Cg. Home employment
hoping to get through with the settle-
ment of some of the Winslow's men so
that I might if necessary go with the
boys to Phila — did not succeed how-
ever in effecting it as the data was
not completed, eve. at home except
Calling to enquire after D. Read who
is but little better they have expected
Dr. Alden from Randolph this eve. but he
did not come
6th day 15 Devoted the mg at the Cg. Hse
& forenoon prin'g. at home preparing letters
and giving the boys instructions in regard

to their journey as we expected it would be made under the care of our friend James B. Smith of Phil.a who was expected to leave Boston to day in the Stonington train on his way home — About half past 12 the Stage came to the door and they took their seats with. myself and their bro.r Frank to accompany them to Mansfield to meet the Boston train. we had a pleasant ride, a little incommoded by the dust, though met.g a heavy rain about half way from Taunton to Mans. when we were reminded of the absence of our umbrellas, the boys having left theirs at home (like young travellers as they are) — After with some delay recovered Edw.s trunk which was by mistake put with the Baggage for Boston and was on the Point of being Exported there, they started but to our disappointment J. B. Smith was not among the passengers — There was however a hope left us that he wd. come in the

latter train following in about half of an hour — for which Frank & myself had to wait to return home — On its arrival however he was not there — but the disappointment was in great measure supplied by my friend the Rev. Thos. A Smith of this place going to take passage in the same boat the Mass.tts for N. York, and I engaged him to give them the necessary attention. We reached home about 9 O'Clk. having a pretty steady rain in lieu of the dust of the afternoon ride. the weather at 10 p. O'Clk indicates a pleasant night or the forenoon of the day 16.th After writing up my journal I spent the remr. of the Morng. at the C.g. Hse where my business is pressing in relation to the settlement of the Windsor's voyage. returned there after breakfast and dinner and took tea (as the phrase is though I only drink water at meals) that I might spend the day at my work also — The weather has been fine since last

wg. for our dear Sons' journey and I hope they have reached Haverford in health and safety this wg. Though they did not meet J.B Smith at Mansfield we think it highly probable that he went to Providence by the morning Cars and was with them on the route thence — and I hope we may soon find that such was the fact. Called to enquire after Dr. Reed

1st day 17th Attended Meeting forenoon & afternoon at Friends Mg. House. Called in returng. from the Post Office on the arrival of the mail at Cousin Anna Robbins and by a letter from her brother James we had the pleasure to learn that he was in the Cars at Mansfield though I did not discover him, and that our dear boys made themselves known to him onboard the Steamboat at Providence — contrary to my expectation from the pleasant weather here, they were detained by a fog in the Sound so that the Boat did not arrive till

10 Oclk at Newyork on 7th Day, too late for the day conveyances to Phila and to avoid the night passage, the Hancocks remained in N.Y. at the American House till 1st Day morning and were then to proceed to Phila — This will detain them from Had. till to morrow forenoon — It is a great satisfaction that they had the kind care of our excellent friend under this unexpected delay on the route. — I read to father most of the concluding essay of J. J. Gurney's Volume — and soon after the ev. reading — The work I think is written with great ability and with a force of argument which I was not prepared to expect in some particulars — After the usual ev. read with the Children I retire early to compensate for a deficient quantum of sleep for the last few nights — I called to enquire after D. Reed — He is almost wholly relieved from pain but it is feared that he has lost the sight of one eye. — I called at

the differ[t]. Sabbath Schools this morn[g]
to leave the Temp[ce] Journal for this mo-
and I called at H Russell's & T. Earls
for the same object
2[d] day 18[th] Occupied all day at the
Cy. House settling with the men of the
Ship Winslow — called a moment at
mothers on business. - and accompa-
nied Ma Chest on an errand in the
evening; afterward called at my
Sister Sarah's to attend my daughter
Mary home found them engaged in the
dissipating amusement of Waltzing, my
nephew W[m] C. Robeson & S. P. Griffitts Mor-
gan being the only gentlemen — to ac-
commodate my necessary habit of rising
with the Sun I was obliged to hasten
her return (at half past 10) before the
"refreshment" had been passed round -
3[d] day 19[th] Mg. at home - afternoon
principally at the Cy. House - visited
the Academy in the afternoon with

David Pierce Carpenter, and two others of the Com.ee of Superintendance relative to some cases for the preservation of the Philosophical apparatus — Called at Mothers, and in the ev.g at Cousin Anna Coates with me when H. in the hope of hearing of the further progress of our boys under their kind and excellent protector — but did not learn anything further

4th. day 20th. Spent the morning in reading at home, and the business hours of the day at the C.H. House, on my return from thence at ev.g. stopped at Mothers to tea on my way to the Meeting of the School Comee whither I was occupied till near 10 O'Clk.

5th. day 21.st M.g. at home — forenoon at the C.H. House & making some calls on the business of the Port Soc.y — P.M. at the C.H. House, and in promoting the financial accommodation of the Genl. Agt. (John A. Collins) of the Mass.ts Anti Slavery Soc.y.

by one or two Calls — Eve. at home
J. A. C. at tea & c with ma chere H. & Self
— the others of the family having taken tea
at an earlier hour —
6th. day 22. Wg. at home — Day at the
Cg House & Eve. at home, most of the
time in each division spent in reading
Called twice at mothers and took Some
Steps with reference to the collection
for the Dor Society —
7th. day 23. Occupied most of the Day
at the Cg. House as well as the morn-
ing our children Mary Frank & Jane
went with their Aunt Elizabeth to Fall
River to visit their Aunt Lydia's family
— left about ½ past 8. and got home ab.t
9 P.M. — I drove ma chere H. to our
nephew T. R. Robeson's in the after-
noon and made some enquiries rela-
tive to the facts obtained from the As-
sessors relative to the rum traffic, to
lay before the temp.ce Com.e this eve.
whether I went before returning J. to

tea, but I did not succeed in getting them

1st Day 24th Attended Meetings AM & PM at Friends' place of worship — in the forenoon with Mr Chew Hannah & the 4 Children in the afternoon with Mary & Franks — Our nephew S. N. Rodman and his wife called after the mg. Mr J. as did Geo. Hussey — and Friend Sally Russell called in the afternoon and saw father Pain to whom I read the conclusion of J. J. Gurney's Essays between mgs — after the usual reading by the Children in the eg. I called at Mothers and A. Robeson's, saw no one at the latter place but learned at mothers that Wm was better. Fredk told me there that his parents were expected slightly to-morrow but with more confidence the next day — Wm was suddenly taken with vomiting and dissenteric symptoms yesterday on coming from his father Rodmans, to get his horse to go to Fall River, and instead of going

further he went to bed — and his wife is there nursing him

2d. day 25 — Mrg. at home read & wrote after breakfast at the Bank Directors Mtg — & C. H. afternoon also occupied there & evg — at home after a late tea — Solus — Walter Mitchel having visited with the family. mead — had a call in the evg. from Jesse Perkins Esqr — of St. Bridgewater relative to the Easton property and payments — called to inquire after Wm. Roberson his wife reported him better —

3d. day 26th. Spent the morng. in read & at home & Day at the C. House & evg at a meeting of the Temp. Com. at the Athenæum & to facilitate my attendance at the latter plan I took tea at my Mothers — Wm. R. Roberson reported better, but yet mostly confined to his bed — his Parents got home last evg. — so that he will now have every requisite attention to promote his recovery in

the way of good nursing — We learn to day that our nephew S. R. Fisher has
4th day 27th Occupied at the Cg H[illegible] through the day — All in reference to the Winslows voyage, with the other Owners and Pilot in writing a report for the Temp. Mg, ev. at home
5th day 28th Attended in the morning to my business relating to the Oil &c — and devoted the rem[ainder] of the day to my report for the temp: Mg viz forenoon at the Cg House and afternoon in my observatory — Ev. at the Mg of the temp. Conde
6th day 29 Rode before breakfast to see after my business at the wharf then rode to examine my north lots and continued my ride to the Rail road a little north of my bro Benj. Jam when they had this Mg. yesterday begun to lay the rails — Spent half of an hour in examining the operations. there were

about 30 men and they proceeded very rapidly with the work — Spent the forenoon in making enquiries in regard to the Rum traffic, afternoon at the Cg. House, ev.g. Spent in making some enquiries preparatory to the completion of my report to the temp.ce meet.g in the course of which I called at Geo. M. Bunker's, in regard to the proceedings at Nantucket a year or two since —

7.th day 30.th Rode before breakfast to get some information relative to the Rum trade, Spent the rem.r of the day principally in preparing my report for the temp.ce meet.g This ev.g. in forenoon at the Cg. House and afternoon in my observatory — Ev.g. at the Temperance Meeting which was rather thinly attended. The Report & resolutions were accepted and ordered to be printed and circulated throughout the town — and a Com.tee appointed (the same that

prepared the Report) to procure a Town
Meeting to be called for Corporate
action in the Case — our niece Ellen
were with us at tea — and on my return
from the tem. Mg (after going to the Ch
House to take charge of my books) found
Bro: Wm here to attend her home —
1st Day 31 — Attended Mg. Sch at Grave
Church and Pub at Friends Mg — Mg.
attended a temperance lecture by Sylvanus
Cobb at the Old Cong: Mg. House which
was well attended and interesting. he
considered the right and duty of the Com-
munity to protect itself against the illegal
traffic in Sp: Liquors by the force of laws
— in accordance with the 4th. Resolution
offered last Mg — and established incontestibly
the ground assumed — Called at Charles'
Andrs & Jal Arnolds — Chr: with
S. Waister & 2 Children & Lindley Furbur
Jr: from Wakefield
2d day 6th mo 1 — Went before breakfast
with D. Pierce our Carpenter to Thomas

Roberson's new House to see the recess between the parlors — and then rode to the wharf &c to see after my business in that quarter — after breakfast went to the Bank &c and finished at the C.H. House the day except the time taken for a call at Mothers to see S Wistar & Party, on that during which I was detained by a call from Mary Hilburn of Nantucket a distant relation, daughter of the late Danl. Barney and her two daughters. her object was to get a supply of American Prints for her shop — supposing that I was a maker of the article, I took them finally to my sister Roberson as And.w was out of town that she might get her views, and acquaint her husband on his return from Fall River and give her his decision on her proposal by note or otherwise in the evg. — attended Mr. Cobbs anti Slavery Lecture in the evg. the weather was not pleasant &

the Mg. Smale of which I thd think 3/4 were Col. people

3. day 2 Spent part of the Mg. at the Cg Hse. after writg. in this journal & readg. in the Bible — after breakfast attended a Mg. of the proprietors of the land over which the Northerly extension of Water Street will pass — and devoted the rest of the day till dark to my Cg. Hse. business. — after which I spent the rest of the eve at home

4th. day 3. Rode to Fairhaven to cater for our friends who are to dine with us to-morrow and spent the rest of the time till breakfast at the Cg House. After returned thither and was occupied with little intermission through the Day & eve. getting my books up and settling my Cash acct. wch. had fallen a little in arrear for the last two weeks. Called at Mothers to see our niece S. Winter &c

5th. day 4th. Rode before breakfast into the Country to get proposals relative to the building of North Water Street, and

stopped at the Cy. House on my return
after breakfast attended the Mg. of
Bank Directors, a meet g. of the
parties interested in the aforesaid road a
street — called at mothers & ended
the forenoon at the Cy House — Pld
at home except an hour towards
evg at the store having Sarah Wister
and her little boy Dalrymple from her brother
Lindley & sister Elvira to dine, evg.
at home when we had in addition
Sister Sarah, Chs & Emily at tea.
6th day 5th Morng. at home. had the usu-
al reading of one of Thornton's Prayers and
in the bible — wrote my journal and re-
vised the Jun. Report for the press —
after breakfast rode with little Ellen
to a toy shop and afterwards re-
paired to the Cy House, where I spent
the morng. business hours of the day with
the exception of a call at J. H. W. Page's
relative to some business of M. Tabeer & B. C.
Ward — evg at tea with ma Chas H

Mary at Br. Benj.ns where our Wakefield friends and a few others — George Richmond called to see me on business just before I left for B.s

7th Day 6th After writing and reading in the morng. I rode to my west lots to decide in relation to the pasturage of the Cows w.h bro.t me rather late at Breakfast — Spent some time in the forenoon at the Cl. House and the rem.r to making collections for the Port Society — part of the afternoon spent in the same way, and the remainder at the Cl. House. where I was detained quite late by business connected with my guardianship & trusteeship of the Children of Nathan Faber dec.d — his Son Rowland addicted to intemperance and prodigality returned from a good Voyage of about 11 months, in the Jasper on the 3.d Inst. which will again subject his family to great trials on his acc.t — but my business this eve had reference to the appropriation among the heirs of the different subdivisions of the Real Estate

My niece S. Wister's little son Langhorne
dined and spent the day with our chil
dren

1st day 7th Attended Mtgs. Arch & Pine
cor Friends' House of worship the weather
being rainy Frank was my only com-
panion — the remr of the day spent
ready to be at home — A. Roberts call-
led between Mtgs. to see father Prin
and judge Prescott called in the ev-
— our ev. exercises with the Children
in the Scripture lessons &c were some-
what interrupted. — Read to father
the principal part of the Introduction
to the history of Missions

2d day 8th Morng. at home reading the
late news which my late engagements o-
bliged me to pass over, forenoon prin-
cipally at the Cg. House, afternoon
rode with Lee & Ellen to Manayunk
my object was to see E. Barrows the
inventor of the Cooking Range which
took the Premr at the Mechanics

Exhibition last year - after tea went to a meet.g of the School Comtee - our daughter Mary at Wm Rotch's to tea & to this eve.g

3d. day 9th. Spent the morn.g in read.g &c at home. Forenoon in mak.g Collections for the Port Society. Afternoon engaged with Arnold Congdon Surveyor & my brother Benj.a in marking the lines of the proposed northerly extension of Water Street. and in copying my meteorological journal for last month to be forwarded by my nephew J Lindley Fisher to James P. Espy - Eve.g at home - had the Comp.y of Wm & Mrs Snow & their sister Emma Andrews and Mary & Joanna Rotch — J. L. F. called here to day to take leave —

4th. Day 10th. morn.g read at home bible Barclay's Apology &c Forenoon made some calls for the Port Soc.y &c Spent some time at the Q. House and in getting some information relative to the lots to be intersected by the extension

of Water Street, Afternoon read J. the news. and at the C.J. House. Company in the Ev.g. Anna Morgan Sarah Wistar Car.e Ebbs. & Rob.t Matthews. Bro. Br. & Wife & E. Drinker's fam.y & Elkin & J. G. Grinnell

5.th Day 11.th Morn.g read.g at home, after breakfast attended the Mng. of Bank Directors and made some calls for Collection for the Pax Society and called at mothers and finished the forenoon at the C.J. House. Afternoon at the C.J. House read.g the amer.n news papers — In the ev.g called with Ma Chen H at C.W.Ellis having previously been to W.m Brans & found them not at home — little Mary Cooper whose mother is on a visit at our cousin Arnolds visited us little girls this afternoon as did little Langhorn Wister.

6.th Day 12.th — Morn.g employed in read.g at home — Bible. — Barclay &c forenoon made some attempts at collections

for the Port Society, called at mothers and at the Printg. Office & spent the remg. business hours principally at the C.H. House, detained there till twilight in readg. the Proof of the report on Intemperance — this has been a warm day and delightful evening so much so as to be quite allurring to enjoy the delicious and balmy air & the serene glories of the heavens

7th Day 13th Spent a considerable part of the forenoon after the morng. Spent in readg &c as usual in mak g. Collections for the Port Soc'y &c little Frank dining round in the wagon part of the afternoon Spent in the same way — rem'd of the day Epistles to C.H. & re princ'd readg and to the cause of temp'ce in the evg wrote and distributed notices of two temperance meetings to be held on the 16 & 17th Inst — I wrote the notices at Wm C. Tabor's Shop and did not get home till after 9 o'clock —

Our niece S. Wister's little Langhorn
Spent most of the day with our Chil-
dren
1st Day 14th. Read and wrote as usual &
afterward made preparation till break-
fast for distributing papers (Temp.ce Jour-
nal for this month) Through the Sabbath
Schools, after breakt. till Mg. time occ.
principally in callg. at the diffr. Schools
to leave them, attended meetg. at the Ly-
ceum. Martha Smith & her compn. guests
of my mother being there — called at
J. A. Green's after meetg. to see friend
Mitchell, attend. Mg. at the Spring St.
house in the afternoon, small on acct.
of the absence of many friends at the
Yearly Mg. which begins at Newport
to day — after Mg. called at Wm.
Wilkins and at a few other houses in
the neighborhood to leave temp.ce papers
— Williams habits are so fixed that with-
out some outward restraint to aid him
his reformation seems hopeless. after the

usual 1st day w.s. exercises — a call from Dr Hardy concluded the w.s —

2d day 15th Occupied in the morn.g reading &c at home. after breakfast, called to see my bro: Wm with reference to entering a complaints to the Police Court against Wm Wilkins for his drunken habits, but as he preferred that it should be omitted on Wilkins promise to him, I relinquished the intention. — Gave some attention to the distribution of the Temp.ce reports — and spent the rem.r of the forenoon at the C.H. House — devoted the afternoon to the Cause of the Poor Society, riding to different parts of the Town to collect the annual contributions of the members — gave some time at the C.H. House towards w.s. — w.s. after a late supper at home

3d day 16th Morning at home forenoon at the C.H. principally, afternoon mainly devoted to Mr J. H. Purkis the Temp.ce agt of the Mass. Society. Made a call with him at the Merch.s Ins.ce Co. and had him

him to tea — afterwards accompanied him to the Mg. to hear his lecture which was tolerably attended and satisfactory — my Bro.r Benj.a I have reason to believe was this day committed to Jail at the Suit of the Duxbury Bank. as an endorser for Dyre & Richmond or others. I was not apprized of the fact till late in the afternoon when I had not time to call and see him — after the lecture I went to the jail but it being after 10 O'Clk (haveg called on my way at C.W. Morgans & found him ignorant of the circumstance who accompanied me) but the family had retired. and we gained no information — Our D.r Mary took tea & spent the evg. at Mr. Snow's — and the Misses Chittenden & their Aunt Morgans. haveg been to ride with their little afflicted Betty.

4th day 17.th Morning spent as usual in reading & writing &c — forenoon called at the Ins.ce Office to procure Mr. Punkett's

Temp.ª Objects, and afterward took Capt.ⁿ Merihew over the River in my Gig to make an appointment of a Temp.ª Mg. at Fairhaven to morrow eg. and I spent the time till near 2 O'Clk. in making Collections for the Port Society and had a reception much more frank & free than I have generally met with among our own Ship Owners — had Mr. Purkit to a family dinners and then called at the Jail to see my bro.ʳ Benj.ⁿ found him in a comfortable State of mind though less well accommodated than I hoped, as to his apartment. there was with him a Gentleman from Philadelphia a Mr. Wall who came from Mobile (I think) a little before the late Session of the Court of C.P. in this Town to deliver himself up to save his Bail harmless a Suit having been commenced against them or him — There was one other occupant of the room, a Sailor whom I did not see, he finding more congenial associates in the entry of the Prison to which they all had liberty of access — As I eg. made some endeavors

to see Thos. A Greene, one of the Cy. Comrs relative to the accommodations but did not then find him — finished the afternoon at the Cy. House and after a late supper repaired to the place of meeting for the Temp.ce lecture and heard a very able address & conclusive argument on the immorality of rum selling — The audience was respectable, in numbers & Character and their attention was exchanged till near 10. O'Clk — After accomp.g Mr. Perket to his lodgings I walked up with T. A. Greene to consult with him relative to the debtors apartments at the Jail but did not find that the Cy. Comrs had any Special authority in the case — Mrs. Chen & Mrs. Spear, the W.S. at Methean — the is rendered rather low Spirited by the incarceration of Husb.d

5th Day 18th Mo. as usual at home Spent most of the forenoon and part of the afternoon in reference to the cause of temperance. preparing

a petition for the calling of a Town
Mg. to act on the subject, taking
measures for getting signatures &
in writg. an article for the "Mercu-
ry" — Spent some time at the C.
House — Called at mothers to-
ward eg. and made a visit to my
Bro. Benj.n in Jail, the former seem'd
depressed by Br. confinement, he
was very cheerful, has numerous
visitors, and abundant occupation in
reading & writing — Shad J. H. Per-
kins the Temp.e Lecturer at tea and
after tea took him in my gig to
Fairhaven where he had an ap-
pointment to lecture — the weather
was unpropitious, raining, and on
getting there found that it was
concluded to post pone it, as on
an attempt would have been a fail-
ure — he renewed the appointment
for tomorrow eg. and — we returned, he
stop'd at his lodgings at the Mansion Hou

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6th Day 19. Engaged at home as usual before breakfast. Devoted most of the forenoon to the subject of Temp.ce in consultation, and getting subscribers to a petition to the Select Men to Call a Town Mg to take measures to suppress the Rum traffic, rem.d of the forenoon at the Cg. Hse Afternoon visited the Hill Schools, at mothers, and to see my bro. Benj.n at the Jail — Eve.g at the 2nd Mg. of the Ex.ve Board of the Port Society, Called afterward to see Mr. Purkitt at the Mansion House but found that he wd probably spend the night at Fair haven. — Capt Robert M. Joy Hedwin & some other Nantucket people who had been to the Worcester Convention —

7th Day 20th — Engaged as usual in the morn.g — forenoon partly devoted to the Temp.ce Cause rem.d in writg. to one of our sons at the Cg. Hse. had a call from J. H. Purkitt soon after breakfast, to take leave as he was

about leaving for Fall River, spent a considerable part of the afternoon at the C. House Reading the news, called at Mothers and at the Jail, and after tea at Geo Howlands to see Sam[l] Parsons & his Son, the former having called to see further this afternoon finished the letg by aiding Ann Chace & Hannah in baking some Cake & Crackers to send to the boys at Hawford

1[st] Day 21[st] early in the Mg went in pursuit of the Vessel for Phila by which the Bibles were designed to go to the boys but I failed in finding her — Remained the Mg. Spent at home Reading &c — attended Meetings and heard two interesting Sermons from Richard Mott; who with Sam[l] Parsons and his Son Robert dined with us — The afternoon Mg being put off till 5 O'clock at the request of R. M. he also gave a family exhortation in Fathers room, whom to visit was a principal object of S. Parsons

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to extend his journey beyond Newport — they left us about an hour after dinner — and And.w & Anna Spent 3/4 of an hour with us before the P.M. Mail they having come to the Mg. Hse. at 4 O Clk. not being aware of the postponement — Eng. at home except a call at C.M. Morgans to enquire about the Phil.a Vessel, obt.d no definite information. C. has gone to visit Benj.a in the Jail — Thos I saw Wm Wistar who ar.d to day from Phil.a to attend his wife & Children on their return — sent of this ev.g at home ready with the Childr.n

2.d day 22.d Rode early to the wh.f to put the box onboard the Phil.a Vessel, but on enquiring ascertained from a person from Fairhaven that She Sailed prob.y on 3.d day night — After a considerable time Spent in the inquiry I returned and after making my toilette was engaged till breakfast is ready. with J.n as usual — after called at Geo. F. Hussey's to see Robert Murray and then went to the Bank Ins.ce Office & Store-

– Afternoon principally spent in C. H. duties – made a few calls with reference to the Temperance movements – late at tea, evg. at home – Mr & Mrs Beane called –

3d. day 23d. Occupied in the morng. at home as usual, after breakfast called to see my brother at the Jail, found him in good health and Spirits, on my return stopped at D Hardy's Office & called at Mothers, the Bank &c &c & then to the C. House – Afternoon principally at home with J. and in some domestic jobs – rode to my S.o & N.o lots and to the Upsalon House – C. H. &c &c Evg. at home had the Comp.y of Rob.t Harvey in two daughters & Son in law, Sarah Harvey Mr. & Sarah Wister D Hardy Fred.k & Martha Roberson & Cath.e Dea & B. J. Rotch the latter after tea.

4th. day 24th. Morng at home in domestic Jobs consequent on the Comp.y of our frds. last evg. Forenoon, at Mothers &c & at the

Cg. Hse. &c. Afternoon ~~spent~~ about equally Spent in read^g. at home, writ^g. at the Cg. Hse, and riding on horseback with my daughter Mary & her friend Eliza Perry —, we took the Circuit of Pine Grove & Sarkiln hill roads — got home about 8. Oclk after a pleasant ride to myself & pupils — rem^d of the ev^g. at home

5th. Day 25th. Spent the m^g. in writ^g. and read^g. at home, then to Bank &c and Cg. House, afternoon rode to ~~the~~ Upp John House where a cellar for the Shop to be converted into a dwelling house is in process of construction, Contin^d. my ride to J. A Parkers & Haydn Coggeshall's houses, made some calls on my return in reference to temp^ce & to a Captain for the Windsor and ~~then~~ visited my bro^r Benj^a. in the Jail — then finished the afternoon at the Cg. House calling at C. M. Morgans on my return. hear^g. prey^r

been at mothers — after my dinner I walked to Sister Susans where Ma chen had previously gone to spend the day — Sister S. & E. were calm and bore up as well as could be expected under the trials incident to my brothers confinement —

6th day 26th Rode on horseback with Mary & Frank before breakfast — after. at the C.J. hse. &c &c — afternoon calld at the C.J. Hse — drank tea (or the phrase is) with all the family as our nephew T.R. Robesons. Susan Davis & two of her boys being there in addition to little Anna. made up a pleasant little party for old & young — Thos. has got his house &c in nice order having quite the air of beauty completeness & comfort. —

7th day 27th Mf. at home and most of the day principally at the C.J. Hse — Called at mothers on my way to a late tea. & stopped at Wm. Cadwells shop to examine the new Hot Oil lamp. Wm

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& Sarah Wister & Children left here to day to return home, I was detained so that I was unable to see them before setting off — I was also prevented from visiting as I intended my brother in the prison.

1st Day 28th Morng. at home attended meetings at Friends place of worship — and heard in the forenoon an excellent sermon & prayer by John Baldwin of Baltimore, called at the close of the forenoon mg. with the 3 youngest Children to see my bro. Benj. and — Aunt Mary — and after calls from our neighbors Eunice Mitchell & Thos. Haynes, and eveng. to the Children — I walked with Ann Chew H. to Mothers — There was an alarm of fire last night — the interior of the E building from the roof of Mrs. St. & S. side, owned by Josiah Brownell was considerably burnt, the fire broke out for a minute or two but was mg. checked and quelled in about an hour

— The water being convent. there was not much to be done by the mass of the people who were there. — in return for the dirt & the wetting which those prompt to be useful had to encounter, in the floods of water and muddy environs —
2d. day 29th Morng. at home and day at the Cg. House. where I remained till dusk and before coming home refreshed myself with a cold bath from the wharf, found B. S. Roteh passing the evg. with the family — We are now reduced to close quarters having Vacated the Parlors of their furniture to accommodate the proposed alteration by a door communicating with each other —
3d. day 30th. Spent the Morng. in ready to at home, forenoon partly in contin. of my Mg. ready, then called at Sundry places on business and spent an hour at the Cg. House before dinner, — afternoon subsequent to some time spent in observing the progress

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of the Carpenters in cutting a com.n between the two parlors and from the front to the S.E. Entry — was spent at the Cg. House except a few minutes occupied in a Call at my mothers — returned & remained at home after 8. Oclk.

7m. 1 Occupied as usual till Brkfast — after took our two little girls to see the Starting of the Cars for Taunton on the new Rail Road there were throngs of people to witness the event — there were three Cars attached to the engine well filled with Stockholders and invited guests, after some detention to relieve the new Cars from friction or Cushioned by the great weight, settling them so as to press on the Circumferance of the wheels — they moved on, and reached Taunton in 1 20/60 h — the grade being abt 50 ft. to the mile on the hither Section, but they returned in 49 minutes — there was a great Company with many distinguished invited guests from Bos-

ton Provi & Newyork at the Stock-
holders dinner in the new Town Hall
and a large party in the ev^g at the
house of Jo^s Grinnell the President
of the Corporation, all of which I am
told went off well. I declined at-
tending because I feared the use of wine,
though in great moderation on the oc-
casion, would be unfavorable to the Tem-
perance reform, which I am very de-
sirous should be carried forward in our
Town & County — I visited mother with
the Children on returning from the depot
Stone &c, pick^d some Cherries for the little
girls from her trees — & called at the
Confectioners for Soda Water & bon bons
also at the New Market under the Town
Hall to day first opened, and a collec-
tion given there by the butchers &c —
after taking the Children home fatigued
as well as pleased with the incidents
of the ev^g — I visited my bro^r B. at the
Jail, called to see my workmen at

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at the House on Kempton St and spent the remr of the day at the Cg House & till 6 O'Clk when I went to ride on horseback with Mary & her Jrd E. Perry & Walter Mitchel, took Padanaram in the route to ascertain whether a vessel which left on harbor this Mg for Phila without the boys at Haverd was in that harbor — which proved to be the case and on return home I sent it over to be got on board by my Jrd Capt. Peace — a cold bath &c Fria the day found Wm Whittredge here on gettg home —

5. day 2d Spent the Mg. principally at home a call at the new market this Mg. being the first of its being opened for business being the only exception. Spent a part of the forenoon abt home, observing & consulting with my workmen employed in altering the parlors &c — & gave some orders in regard to the new setting of the back parlor Grate to warm the green

house — Called to see my bro.r Benj.n rode round my own lots & by the S.o Dr to the Upjohn House, C.J. House &c &c on business — afternoon met some of the parties concerned in the Northwardly extension of Water Street at A. Robesons C.J. room to open & examine the proposals for the work — and afterwards engaged at my own C.J. Hse. making a form of agree.t to bind the parties — returned home a little before 8 — and accompanied Ma Chas H & daughter Mary to Mr. Dempster's exhibition of his powers as a singer of Scotch Songs & Ballads —

6.th day 3. Spent the morn.g & most of the forenoon at home. Read.g &c &c — called at Mothers and spent an hour at the C.J. room. Afternoon & eve.g at the C.J. room — The Carpenters &c are now repairing the breaches which they have made in the Parlors, in the new form desired —

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7th. Day 4th. Spent the morng. at the Mg. Hse but returned in time for the Fam'y. read'g before breakfast, forenoon at the Mg house, afternoon writing at home with reference to the new Street in Contin'n. of N. Water. Visited my bro'r. Benj'n. partly with respect to the same, walked to my S'n. lott, a short distance above the Jail, and after tea called at C.M. Morgan's A. Robeson's and Stephen N. Potters to get evidence of their assent to the understanding and agreement relative to the Street, and finished the eve at Mother's with Ann Chew &c, where we met Geo & Gertrude Harvey & 3 of their friends from Newyork also Martha Rob'n & her bro'r And'w & Comm Catharine Dea—

1st day 5th. Read before breakfast, attended friends Mg. AM & PM, otherwise remained at home through the day — A. Roberson & his sister Martha & Cath'e Dea called — and after the eve. read with the Children I called with Ann Chew &c. to see Anna Denbar W'm of Esther

for whose loss we feel much Sympathy having had a long acquaintance and high regard for her husband — on our return thence we called at our new neighbor G. F. Hussey's — ma chere H. wishing to take leave of Anna King who expects to return in a day or two to Newyork — met there Isaac C. Taber his niece Eliz.ᵗʰ & two of Jn.ᵒ B Bonnies daughters & D. Hardy 2.ᵈ day 6.ᵗʰ morng & part of the forenoon at home, reading & consulting with the workmen employed in the alterations going on in the house — remainder of the day at the C. J. House — called at mothers, and after tea called at L. Barney's lodgings with ma chere H. — but she was out — our three daughters took tea at Cousin Anna Rotch's — the two youngest were sent for early in the eve but by some misunderstanding — the knowledge did not reach them and I called for them all between 9 & 10 o'clock.

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3d day 7th Spent the morng. at home and a considerable part of the forenoon overseeing the workmen about the house &c, afterward called to see Mother & devoted the rest of the day to business at the Cg. House &c — called at Mothers on my return home, and after my late supper went with Ma Cheetham to finish the evg. at Bro. Williams & attend Mary home who was there at tea. Sister R. has lately returned from her visit to her Sister Ann, who came with her to visit Susan during Benj.s confinement — Jos. R. Anthony died to day abt. 11 Oclk. he has been sick about a week — disease said to be bilious cholic — his amiable wife is thus suddenly left a widow, and her four Sons fatherless, the oldest ar.d from New York where he has been employed in the Com. House of Grinnell Minturn & Co about an hour before he ceased to breathe and the youngest but one came from his board School on the occasion

14th. day 8th. Morng. & part of the forenoon at ~~the Cy. House~~ home ready &c and attend g. to the alterations in progress - then called to see my broc Benj.n - at the jail found him well and in good Spirits and by the aid of his Sailor companion who is exceedingly industrious & efficient in making the room neat and comfortable Appears to enjoy much more than is usual under such circumstances — after leaving the Jail I rode to look at two different Grass lots and devoted the rem.r of the forenoon to business at the Cy House &c - called at market to tell her of B's request of his health and so forth - Afternoon divided in ready. at home writing &c at the Cy House and Riding round the Tarkiln hill road with my daughter Mary, after tea went to ~~the Cy. House~~ to take care of my books and then went to hear Isaac C Bates & Northampton before the Miss.ry

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5th Day 7th Morng. at home Ready &c - after breakfast repaired to the C.G. House &c and on my way to dinner called at mothers to see Sister Lydia and Chr. Henry Ruggles and his wife. & Sister L's daughter Mary the former being on a visit from their home at St. Louis Missouri - afternoon principally occupied in the attendance of the funeral solemnities at the house of Jos. R. Anthony dec'd - he was interred in the Rural Cemetary whither we went with the procession - It was a sad occasion - cut down suddenly in the meridian of life - leaving a delicate & very amiable wife and 4 sons One nearly grown & two quite young with a splendid house and no correspondent fortune. - after our return I accompanied Mercy H to Sister Annas to call on Sister L & party who were visiting there and then went to the C.G. House & remd till 9 O Clk - then home.

Sister P. & Mary at Sister Annas to tea.
6th Day 10th Morng. at home except a
walk to the Market — after break
fast gave some orders at the furnace
&c for window weights for the Green
House &c, and attended to some other
business while out then finished the
forenoon at the Cg. House and called
at Mothers on the way home, to see
Sister Lydia &c. — Afternoon called
at the Jail to see my brother who has
lost one of his companions. George Wall
of Phila by the omission on the part of his
Creditors to send an Execution by which he
might have been confined 30 Ds. longer
— His company will be quite a loss to
Benj: as he is a man of intelligence &
of considerable information from foreign
travel &c Commercial objects — B. con-
tinues in good health and apparently con-
tented to remain a while longer with
his assiduous friend Wm Davis the Sailor
— Home to the Cg. House till 6. then

rode with Mary & W. Mitchell on horseback, the tour by Tarkiln Hill roads, then called by request to see my cousin Lydia Bassett on her business, then to tea late supper, and then joined ma chere H & sister at Geo. F. Hussey's, they had just taken tea there

7th day 11th Morng. reading & at home after breakfast rode to the Furnace and sundry other places, partly with reference to our Greene House &c but principally with a view to my brothers in law Bassett & Prior, business in the line of Oil manufacturers. — and spent the remainder of the forenoon at the G. House — afternoon principally at home, aiding and directing in relation to the removal of the rubbish, Chips & Shavings from the parlors &c where the alterations are in progress — and preparing for distribution — my monthly supply

Temperance Papers — then repaired to the C. House, lodging a considerable number of Papers at the Post Office. on the way — after compleating my business there for the W — took a bath from the wharf and then made sundry calls to leave Papers for distribution tomorrow at the different Sabbath Schools — reached home after 9 Oclk and found Mr Chen H — had gone to spend the Evg. at mothers. whither I should have gone after tak J. my supper but that Henry had come by her order at an earlier hour & had returned with information that she would return with our nephew Lewis Rowe & Mr. Robeson — who called in — with her to look at the alteration in our domicil

1st Day 12th Delivered a few parcels of Papers for the inmates of the House of Correction and some of the Sabbath

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Schools before breakfast — at mg at the Brick Mg House Adl & P. Sl. seat at the angles N.E. & S. — called after mg. to see my bro.r in Jail. after dinner called at Matthews to see Sister Lydia &c — and afterward called at Wm. C. Peters to have some conversation with him & A. Shearman relative to the Port Society — after meet.g at home — except calling at two or three families in the neighborhood to leave Temperance papers — Matthew Howland called in the eve.g on Mary & Friend went to their Grandmothers to see the Aunt L.d cousin Mary Ruggles —

2.d m°. 13.th 1st being the day of the Qu.y meet.g. of the Pearsall Man.g. Cl.e — I had some thot. of going by the Rail Road and talking Astronet in my way to see to some business relating to the Estate — but was at the depot too late for the Cars — I went with my own horse & carriage leav.g after breakfast. and arriv.g before 10 O'Cl.k

My bro: Wm was on the road at the same time in his 4 wheeled C'g — The M.J. of the C.J. & the examination of the new mill (Quequechan) took up the time till about the mid. of the afternoon (dining as usual at the Pocasset House) I then took a walk through part of the Town to the wharf — new furnace, W.P.R. Robeson's house which I went over it being very nearly ready for the same to occupy. — left Fall River a little before 7 P.M. & reached home about 9 — and found all well

3d day 14 M.J. at home, after breakfast called to see mother, found Sister L not quite well, afflicted with dizziness on rising so that she remained much of the day on the bed, except overlooking the workmen on our alterations my time was otherwise (after copying 3 my Mech. J. for M. Esq.) mostly devoted to C.J. House duties. which detained me somewhat late — on getting home found D. Hardy here who spent

the evg. which hindered us from making a call or two which we had planned — Frank had 2 or 3 of the little Davis to visit him & Jo. Dalton, as tea time — 4th day 15th inst. at home except going to Market, had the usual family reading — after breakfast, made some calls on business and took little Ellen with me in the wagon, she being troubled at the absence of Sue who went to bathe with some of her older Cousins, we called at Mothers & found Sister L. better then rode to the Jail to see my brother B. found him pretty well in health but more excitable than I like to see him — Sister Sue was there with him — then rode to my St. lots, where the men are clearing out the potatoe field — spent the rem: of the forenoon in making some calculations in regard to my new Cistern &c — after Dinr: walked to the R. R. Depot to send letters &c to Phila — and spent the rem: of the afternoon

in Cy Rose business — returned early to tea to meet my sister L & her daughter and. Chs. H. & Violetta Ruggles — who were to visit us — but the two last did not get in town from Rochester — we had a pleasant visit from the two former — took my niece into the observatory to look at the moon & Jupiter through the telescope —

5th. day 16th — At home morng. except a walk to mothers, the market &c after breakfast, attended to some business of Barnes & Prior's, attended the B.K. Directors meeting, called at mothers, visited my brother Benj.a & found him comfortable & busy — visited my South Lots — on returng. home called at our cousin Jas. Arnolds to see Richard Dana who has been their guest for some days — after dinner walked to the R.R. Depot to forward a letter from my bro.r B. to Rufus Choate of Boston — which I did by an

acquaintance of Thos Riddell a Mr. Chaddock or abro: of E.N. Chaddock — devoted the rem.r of the day to C.J. Hse duties, and towards eve. rode on horseback with ma cher Mary and her fd. Eliza Perry round Tarbiltonhill road to Walter Mitchells also in Company — after tea all of the fam.y went to our cousin Arnolds to see the most blooming Cereus — there were a considerable number of others there on the occasion, including Sister Lydia her daughter & violetta — Ch.r Henry being detained by slight indisposition. — The flower was a fine one though not so large as those of some former years — we reached home about ½ past ten — Our three youngest children took a view early in the eve.g and retired —

6th. Day 17th. Spent the mg. at home called at mothers after breakfast and then repaired to the C.J. Hse. after-

noon given to C.J. His duties. and in the ev. called at Mothers to take leave of Sister Lydia & Violetta attended Lecture ma chen tt and went to the Meet.g of the Locofocos to hear Robert Rantoul — support the Sub treasury Scheme and to see the man — Soon had enough of both — finding little in manner or matter to edify or interest — and withdrew — call.g again at Mothers for ma chen tt — we walked to Jos Gris-wells to attend Mary home she having visited her Aunt Cornelia at tea the 17th day 18th Mg. at home, Called at Mothers and rode to my different lots in two of which the mowing is begun having been delayed rather later than I intended, Spent the remainder of the forenoon & the afternoon at the C.J. house We attended a meeting of the School Com.e in the ev.g before returning to supper — Sister Lydia returned to Fall River this

Mrs. and our daughter Mary
went with a party compris'g. A. Robe-
son's family Rodman Wharton &
several of the young Rotchs to Horse
neck which occupied nearly the
whole day. Which Mary enjoyed
much, as doubtless was the case
with the others — The day being fa-
vorable — the Sun veiled with clouds
and the wind accordingly such as to make
pretty
a high surf (as I suppose)
1st day 10th Engaged in reading at
home in the Mg- after breakfast
took a bath in the river which was
very refreshing Through the day the
weather being quite warm, attend-
ed mgs. at Frds. House of Worship
and remained at home otherwise ex-
cept making a call to see Benj.n at the
jail and extend'g. my walk with
the endeavor to drive my horses
in the S.e lot from which they had
escaped but without success — a

change of weather with rain towards evg. hindered me there H.d Self from meeting. a Call at Sister Susans to see Sam Rotch who is to return home to morrow

2. day 26th Mg. at home read. and writg. as usual — at 8 OClk, attended a Summons of the Select men to be present at their examination of the premises of Gen.l Lincoln with a view to awarding damages for the proposed extension of Water St through his land involving the removal of his house — I with my brother Andrew had a Meeting — being responsible for the excess if any above the sum of $4000 voted by the Town for completg S. Street to North Street — afternoon attended to some other business and then repaired to the Ct House where I had a Call from my Cousin Rodman Wharton of Phil.a in the afternoon attended the funeral

Solemnities at the house of Obadiah Crocker on the death of his wife and then finished the day at the Q. House — late at supper found D. Read's wife here and he soon called — Joanna Rotch took tea with Mary & Horatio her Cousin called for her in the evg —

3d day 21 morng. read & at home — the rest of the day principally devoted to business at the Q. House whereof &c. afterwards called at my Uncle W. Rotch Jrs to ask Rodman Wharton to visit us tomorrow — did not see him, and then went with Frank to hear a lecture address from Genl Jal. Wilson of Southampton — he is an able speaker and kept the earnest attention of the audience (which filled the Church Corr of Pleasant & Wm Sts) till 10½ Oclk — Too late for a boy like Frank, as the subjects were not suited to his maturity of

mind, but I permitted his attendance
for once to gratify his curiosity — He
has strong confidence in the success
of the Whig efforts to change the ad-
ministration, but the Christian may
look deeper for the causes which now
paralyze the national prosperity,
and adopt the language of the in-
spired writer, "Righteousness alone
exalteth a nation but sin is a re-
proach to any people"
4th Day 22d. Mg. at home read. &c
called after breakfast at my uncle
Wm Rotch's to ask Rodman Wharton
to dine with us — rem. at home
through the forenoon read. the papers
and make. some calculations of annu-
ities — afternoon spent some time
in consultation with the carpenters about
fitting the basement blinds on a new
plan — the masons also here hard at
it lining the walls in entry closets &c where
alterations have been made. Spent the

Mon^r. of the afternoon at the Cg. House and till too dark to write called at Mothers on my return home when I rem^d except walk^g. to C.W. Morgans to see our little girls home — Mary visiting at Wm. P. Ketch^s 5^th. Day 23^d. M^g. at home except a walk to the Market, and remained till rather late in the forenoon in attention to domestic & mechan^l. concerns, and read^g. the news — then repaired to the Cg House, had our Cousin Rodman Wharton to dine with us — he left. between 4 & 5 O^c Clk and I then went to visit my brother in jail — then repaired to my Cg. duties — Mary rode with a party of her Cousins on horseback — after tea I called with Mrs Chace & to see our Cousin Lydia Barney, who has decided in consequence of her delicate health to relinquish her School & return to Nantucket. —

6th Day 24th Morning at home ; forenoon and afternoon at the Ct House and elsewhere attending to business. Spent the ev. at my Uncle Wm Patch Jr. where was a party of the several branches of the Rodman family including M. H Rawles & fam. from Fall River, John Pound of Baltimore was also there, this is the eldest son of the late John Pound of this place and the only one of his formerly large family whom until this ev I had ever seen — his bro: Wm & Sister Nancy with himself are the only survivors — the former resides in Mississippi and was at Natchez at the time of the late desolating tornado, he was at three different times in the most imminent peril, the buildings in which he was at different times being in succession prostrated or partially demolished and a judge of one of the Courts (of which he is Clerk) was killed at his own dinner table with whom W. P. was invited to dine. The

W. J. at Jay Nuckles passed quite in party style continuing till near 11 Oclk. though commencing by some of the Compy. about Sunset — He is a remarkable instance of "green old age" and acts his part more like a man of 60 than 80 years old.

7th Day 25th — business called me from home before breakfast so that my usual reading and writing was necessarily omitted — after giving some attention to the operations of the Carpenters & Masons now about finished except the new wash room in the basement under the Green house. I called at Mothers and devoted the rest of the day to business at the Office — took a bath in the river before coming home to a late Supper — Mary had friend Cornelia Grinnell and her Sr. Miss Bunys, and Cousin Ellen to visit her, and I spent some time with them in the Observatory

took G. at Jupiter through the telescope
1st Day 26 Attended Meetings as
usual called at the Jail after the
first and at mothers after the wf.
read J. with the Children. found all
pretty well — the day was with
these exceptions Spent at home in
reading &c — read to father Prior two
of J. J. Gurney's four lectures on the evi-
dences of Christianity — Ch.s & Sarah
with one of their Children called after
the wf. meeting —
2d day 27th Occupied about home read J.
& till breakfast & some time after, and thro
the day at the G. House — till late supp-
per — had a call in the wf. from our
neighbors G. Hussey & wife & sister, and
earlier in the wf — we had an unexampled
visitant a beautiful night blooming Cereus
in full flower sent by our neighbors our
Cousin Arnolds to gratify father Prior with
a sight of this wonder of the Vegitable
Kingdom — from us it went to many mothers

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to shed its odours and gratify her sight on her
— after our friends returned home I
called with Ma Cheer H. & Mary at our
Cousins and there saw a constellation
of three rare & beautiful & transa-
cent flowers — three being 4 in bloom
— a combination which it is not likely
can be seen again — by those who
had the pleasure on this occ.— The
notice and invitations were probably
limited as there were not so many
spectators as on other occasions when
a single flower has been the attraction
3d. day 28 At home in the morning, ex-
cept a walk to the Market to provide
for the family. Reading &c, after break-
fast called at Mothers and spent the
where Gen Lincoln called to talk about the Street Railroad
rest of the day at the C.G. House eve.
called with Ma Cheer H to make a
last Visit to our neighbor Greens in
the house which they have so long oc-
cupied, it being sold to T. D Elliot —
who is to have possession in a few

Days – the present Journey or to make a visit at Nantucket. then expect to to take a Journey into the interior of the State – Saw also Welcome Greene from Providence –

4th. day 29th Spent the Morng. in ready & after breakfast gave some attention to the workmen and took measures for fitting the Green House trap door, & went to the Furnace to order the receipts – called at mothers on rtg. to the Cg. Ho. which I reached late in the forenoon Spent the afternoon principally at that place of business and rode towards wg. with Mary. Eliza Perry & M. Mitchell on the Sponegansett road to Slocum's Corner and returned by the Smith's Mills road which we ent. at Riders, being diverted from our intention of returning by Smiths Mills by another party of equestrians who were before us & too Slow for our movements but whom we did not wish overtake or pass

after Supper went with me there
& to take leave of Lydia Barney
who is about making a final return
to Nantucket, having relinquished
her School on acct. of her delicate health.
5th Day 30th. M.J. at home, attended
the Mtg. of Bank Directors, called
at Mothers and gave the rem.
of the day to G.H. our employments
and incidental objects of attention
without its precincts — On return-
ing at eve. to my late Supper met
me there H & Mary Ellen and
after stopping at Cadwells to repeat
the Children with a glass of Soda
Water, I returned with them, to
make a call at Mothers, whence
we soon went home that our
little pet might go to her repose
rem: of the eve. at home
6th Day 31st. Having risen earlier than
usual, before sunrise, after my own M.J. read
& writ. I went to the G. house before break-

part, and returned to read with the family
— the day was devoted with small exceptions
to Cg House employments and I was detained
there also through the evg. taking a cake
of Ship bread for my supper —
4th day 8 Mo. 1 — Morng. at home except
a visit at the Market to recruit our sup-
plies of berries which are very abun-
dant and cheap — Spent an hour or
two assisting little Sue about her arith.
— then repaired to the Cg House, about
noon took a Swim in the dock and walked
to the S. part of the Town on business for
Barrow & Prior — afternoon engaged in
Cg House duties, to which I gave my
time till 9 Oclk — Machine & Abbey
took tea at C. M. Morgans, and read
for them after 10 Oclk
8/2 — 1st Day Occupied at home in the
morng. read &c., attended meetings, visited
Benj.n at the Jail and called at my
Mothers — rem.r of the day, and evg. at
home — Brother Edmund arr.d from Ches-

work this afternoon via Mansfield there being no public conveyance this day the ms. late by an extra. Mrs Agassiz called in the ms— I spent most of the time between meetings in father's room ready to hear—

T. day 3— MJ. at home aiding in making preparation for the Masons who to day began to lay the bricks in the excavation for the new rainwater Cistern the water having subsided all to about an inch from the Center of the concave bottom it being projected 7 ft. in diameter & 6 ft. deep in the clear, went to market &c. after breakfast called at the Bank & Ins.ce Office — at the latter place I met J.J. Audubon the Naturalist who has some of his original paintings of his great work in Ornithology, which he is reluctantly compelled by his circumstances to sell — these to the C.J.B.L. — called at work ex. to meet just before dinner to meet

ma chere by appointment to take her to see the birds — bot. 2 of the pictures and asked the old gentleman to take a family dinner but he declined as he was to leave for Newyork at 3 O'clk but he will do himself the pleasure on 5th day next — afternoon at the Cg House. Where I took a Cake of Ship bread for supper and then went to attend a Mtg. of the Sch. Comtee, but was too late to participate in the business having called at Mothers on the way, to the Comtee room.

3d. day 4th. At home Mtg. except a call at Market to recruit our Stock of berries which are very abundant & cheap viz 5 & 6 ¢ P Quart, devoted the rem: of the day to Cg. House duties and remained till late in the Eve. later than I like on my own acct. as well as on acct. of my family. but where so much devolves upon my personal exertions I am often obliged to forego my inclina

tion as well as in some degree the convenience & wishes of my family in that respect —

4th. Day 5th. Went to the market & C.G. Hall before breakfast which obliged me to omit the usual family reading — remained at home reading & watching the operations of the workmen at the Cistern during noon & till noon, then to the C.G. Room to fix my desks &c &c after sweeping — & took a sea bath before dinner, which was had in the Mangle room, the conversion of one of the Closets in the dining room into a recess for the side board excluding us from the use of it; P.M. at the C.G. House, when I wrote a Shipwright for my father & returned abt. twilight & remained at home — had a call from Thos. P. Rodman of Providence and listened — for a while to the music of the Brigade Band which accompanied the Boston Military Company. Capt Geo. T. Curtis — formerly assistant at our

Academy, who are here on a tour of Camp duty — Called at Mothers in the course of the day

5th Day 6th Morning at home except a call at the market — Called at sundry places on business and spent the rest of the day at the G. House returned about dusk — gave the requisite attention to the alterations &c about the house, &c. Mother late from the G. House, somewhat troubled at the difficulties attending the rooting of the weather in consequence of the coat of Varnish put upon the floor cloth (rather unexpectedly to me so that I had taken no measures to avoid the inconveniences alluded to) but succeeded in part in avoiding injury to the carpet. called at Mothers, who seems very well — She mentioned a visit she had had from Alderson Tucker who it appears is to become the husband of my niece Martha Robeson — The courtship has been managed so adroitly that the knowledge of it did not re-

cide with many of his friends that of the decision. She is a lovely girl & has our best wishes

6th. day 7th Spent almost all of the day at home superintending the workmen about the house principally in attending to the examination & refitting of the lightning rods. — as about 13 years have elapsed since they were fitted. I was fearful that the part in the ground had become corroded so as to impair its efficiency — I therefore had that from the house leading into the excavation of the well carefully uncovered for that part most easily accessible viz the horizontal part and to about 3 or 4 ft. of the descending — the corrosion was not great a few scrapes of a large clasp knife revealing the metalic luster for two feet half of that uncovered — the other part was more oxidated, and some small inequalities of surface produced by it, but probably in no part to the amt of 1/10th of its original dimensions if to 1/20th it was ina-

bedded with considerable care originally in charcoal, which was now found apparently unaffected by the position, while the strip of board which confined it on one side was quite decayed — as the opening for the examination had been made and the flagging over it be improved I thot it best to put down an additional rod of new iron parallel to the other close to the first just above the surface of the ground — and as an experiment I had this new part covered by a nigger with tarred canvass — and the whole again imbedded in charcoal, it was better done now than before — because fine coal & dust were used instead of coarse — I also had the rods attached to the barn, which had been many months broken, for want of being properly secured, repaired by having a new & somewhat longer rod for the part in sunk into the ground, this run off from the east side of the building as its fence

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tion with the Shed in a horizontal direction about 6 feet & then went deeper into the earth about 3 or 4 ft more — this part being also served with tarred canvass, and imbedded in charcoal — so that probably the rods are now in order for a term of ten or twenty years, when they sh.d be re-examined — I spent a few minutes perhaps an hour at the Cg. House abt. noon & eve — and called at mothers on my last return —. I was thus prevented from attending the last day of the examination at the Academy, as I had also otherwise been restrained from being present at the two preceding, on returning from mothers in the eve. I met throngs of people returning from a visit to the encampment of the Boston Co.y of "Ripley Rangers" in the rear of C. M. Morgan's Orchard, curiosity led me to extend my walk to that vicinity when the population of our town still con-

turned to be largely represented. Mrs Chen H and Mary went to the encampment before us. and there Say Capt Curtis, with whom they were formerly acquainted as Preceptor at the Academy & private instructor of the former in French – they were introduced to Lieut. Story, Son of Judge Story, who was very polite in exhibiting the Novelties of the Scene. I then called at Cousin Anna Ritchi's to attend me Chen H & daughter home. She has lately returned from a visit to her daughter in Milton

9th day 8th Went to the Rail road depot before breakfast and saw the train start with a large number of Passengers including the Cy of Boston Militia. three cars apparently quite full. My object was to ascertain whether Mr Audubon expected to be in Town to day – as in that event we were to have him to dine with us – Stopped at the Cy. House on my return, and devoted the day prin-

cipally to business cares at the Cg. Hse
Se — Made a visit to my bro. B. at
the Jail with Edmund and little Lee —
ev. after dark at home, having stop-
ped to see mother on my return home
— Our man Francis' youngest Child
was badly scalded this ev. on the arm
& leg — Ma chum H. was there to aid
on the occasion — The workmen have
pretty nearly completed their operations
about our premises, the Cistern being done
in Basement under the Green house, which
is to be converted into a washing room —
another week I hope will suffice to
Complete the whole — the flagging
Stones on the west side of the house be-
ing now unnecessary since the west
Door is closed, have been laid from the
west Gate to make a dry entrance from
Cg Street. and the flags, at the Small
Ir. Gate removed to enlarge the Pave-
ment on the side walk at the Front
Door)

1st. Day 9th. Occupied before breakfast in preparing and delivering Temp.ce papers for distribution at the different Sunday Schools — attended Friends Meetings — had a call from bro. And.w — called at the commencement of the afte.n Service at the Col.d Methodist Mg to leave some papers, not called for as promised by a little girl — & heard part of the exercises. left also Papers at J. Carlo & H.y Russells rem.d of the day at home reading — Sam.l Arnold spent the first part of the eve.g with us and Matthew Howland the last

2d. day 10th Morning at home except my daily visit to the Market, had our usual Social reading, attended to business afterbreakfast and, most of the day at the Cg. House, called at Mothers, and on return f. home at night went with ma Chace & to Sister Annes' when Sister P. had tea.d tea. were disappointed to find

that a note written by ma chen
H in allusion to Martha's engagement
had not been understood according to
her intention, but the explanation
orally given. I hope has put the
proper interpretation on it, and
removed the impression which must
be imputed to the very imperfect
medium of thought and feeling which
is afforded by written Signs —

3 day 11th. Went to the G. House before
breakfast to get some letters from the
Carriers and to Sidney to the inspection
of A. Robeson before he left for Fall Riv-
er but I was too late — Called again
at A. R's after breakfast & at mothers &
again at both places in the eve, to attend
my H & Mary home, but they had left
both places before me. My time
was mostly spent in attending to
my G. House business —

4th day 12 M. at home except
a visit to the Market. During the

day principally to business at the G. House, called mothers and attended to some little matters for her — my work detained me at the G. house till about 9 Oclk, taking as I late a Ship biscuit for my Supper — A Rodman and his family set off on their summer journey today via Boston into Newhampshire &c — the Carpenters & hewn about finished their job at our alterations — there yet remains the work in room under the Green house to be completed the Masons being about ready to give place to the Carpenters, the Cistern & funnel being done —

5th day 13th — At home through the M.G. G. House & All — P.M. mostly at home Consulting about the fixtures for the Green house, and aiding in restoring the furniture to the Parlors, went with D.R. Pierce to Jal. Arnolds Green house to examine their Shelves. late in the after

noon went to the Cy. House and took a bath in the dock before returning, stopped to see my mother, and called at our neighbors J. A's to wait on my wife home who was spending the eveg. with Anna, now Soles in the front of the mansion

6th. day 14th. Remained at home before breakfast and devoted the day to business at the Cy Office, weather rainy made a favorable opptz. for writing, had our usual mtg. eveng. Called at mothers, where Sister P & bro: Edmund took tea, Ma chere H spent the eveg. at Anna Rotch's, and Mary was at a party at Wm C Rotch's I rec: a letter from our friend Isaac Collins of Phila — who with some of his family and some other friends are at Newport — expressing an intention of making a short visit at this place, to which I replied — and wrote to C.C. Stewart — called to attend Ma chere H home and — soon

after had a call from Bro. Chr who come to meet Emily on her return with our Mary from Mt Rotatas — where they arr a little after 11 O'clk — Charles examined our improvements and commended them —

7th. Day 15th went to the Rail Road depot and the C & H before breakfast, and devoted the day principally to the business of the Winslow shipping men &c — gave also some attention to the workmen who were making the Cispool for the Wash Room drain under the Garden Walk east of the S.E. Corner of & the room under the Green house, which they completed. The water conductors were also arranged so as to carry the water from the east side of the roof into the Cistern under the floor of the washroom — & by inserting an additional head at the SE & NW. Corners to prevent the overflowing of the water in heavy rains

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There remains now only the outlet of the Cistern to be arranged to complete the water fixtures about the house. This will be done by laying a log from it to the subterraneous reservoir in the Garden about 30 feet in a N.E.b.E. direction — I had agreed to ride with Mary towards W.[illiam] Day at half 6, but the duties to the workmen detained me till sunset, soon after which we set off and had a pleasant ride over Corkeen hill and reached home a little before 9 O'Clock, having stopped at the foot of Hillman Street to close my store and take care of my books — Our road was sufficiently plain through the whole distance by the twilight and the moon nearly at the full. The sky & odorous the atmosphere cool and bland & the road good and free from dust, the effects of the recent repairs and copious showers. gave a freshness

and ~~Peculiarity~~ Peculiarity to the Scenery & the ride with which we were quite familiar by daylight which was peculiarly interesting to Mary as well as to myself — and quite made amends for the rather late hour of our departure 1st Day 16 Occupied before breakfast in writing my journal, folding the "Irish Visitor" (an ann.ᵗ of Father Matthew, the Apostle of Temp.ᶜᵉ in Ireland) for distribution at the Catholic Church & the Jail & House of Correction — and in the usual devotional Social reading — after breakfast I walked to my lodgs. and took a bath, attended M.G. & visited my bro.ʳ B. in the Jail — Attended prim.ᵍ M.G. also in the afternoon and in the ev.ᵍ the Religious exercises at Grace Church — With me Chas H.ᵈ & Mary — after returning home with them I went to see my mother, and found there Ch.ˢ & Sarah & Capt.ⁿ Norton of the Hector who had just arrived from the Pacific

with a full Cargo 2600 bls. 26 mos. out — a great Voyage, and combines the additional pleasure to the owners of the belief that to the Skill an energy which rank him high in his profession Capt N. combines the sound moral principles which have a most important influence on the Character of his men — but which unfortunately are rare in the Sailor — though he of all men it would seem has need of the consolations & hopes Religion & Virtue

2d. day 17th. Spent the day principally at the C.J. House at business connected with the Winslow. our friends Isaac & Rebecca Collins of Phila. who have been spending some weeks at Newport arr in Town this afternoon to spend a day and are our guests they arr about 4 O'Clk and J.G. walked with Bro. Edd. to my C.J. House, with whom I soon returned, and passed the day — it is about 12 years since

he with his former wife were before our guests — his present wife though different from his first being an occasional preacher in the Society is a very interesting woman — Benjn. S. Rotch called in the ev. as did Wm & Rodman to see Saturn through the telescope —

3. day 18th went to Market & the Cg. Hse before breakfast returned and heard the Scripture reading with Caroline Frys reflections on the passage with our own family & friends. — after breakfast I went to the Cg. Hse. while mr Chace & friends visited our Cousin Arnolds Garden & house which contain many interesting objects of nature & art — when I returned and rode with them through Fairhaven and round the river and through our own town — soon after dinner I took them to the Rail Road depot and saw them in the Car for Providence where they

purpose spending a day and then go to Salem where they will meet their daughter Maria and her husband C B Chase at his father Philip Chase — On return J. from the depot, I went to the C.J. House an devoted myself to the business of the Ship & till 9 Oclk calling at mothers on my return 4th Day 10th Principally occupied with the Ship Woodhouses outfit — had the family ready to be — fore breakfast — went to ride at 9 1/2 P.M. with our daughter Mary & Edwin Perry on horseback. got back about 1/2 past 8 — The latter part of the ride was at a slow rate as it was dark and one of the horses not sure footed. of which I had two striking illustrations — On return J. I went to the C.J. house to deposite my books in the usual place at D. Farmers for safety & called at mothers on my way home

5th. Day 20th. — At the whf. before breakfast but returned in season for the Social exercises — attended the Bank Directors' meeting, and devoted the rem. of the day the business of the Winslow at the Cg. House &c — remained till late in the evg. at the Cg. House —

6th. Day — before breakfast engaged in making enquiries for a Cooper for the Winslow. and not late in returning — Spent the day & evg. at the Cg. House in occupations relating to the preparation of the Winslow for her Voyage — Called at Mothers — Ma Chas H & Edmund with the three younger Children rode out to Jacobs Place, and extended their ride by the Tuckers Farms & Aspongansett home — which they reached at dark — Jos. P. Bradlee Spent the evg with those who were at home — but I had left when I returned — Mary was at Jacob Perry's At a Party, and did not get home till past 11 — Too late, too late. —

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7th day 22. Went to the Rail Road Depot &c before breakfast but returned seasonably for the Mg. exercises — Engaged through the day at the Cg House &c, went to the Jail after dinner to ship two men for the Penitentiary. My brother B. has lost his faithful and devoted fellow prisoner Wm Davis, he being discharged from the failure of the person who committed him to pay his board according to law — attended till a little past 9 Oclk at the Cg Hse. — stopped a minute at mothers on my return. She is very comfortable.

1st day 23. Walked to the Wharf and took a salt water bath before breakfast — attended Friends Meetings and passed the remr of the day & Evg. at home principally occupied in examining the books of a little library procured from the Sunday School Union Office Boston — the selection is very

good and I trust will be useful to the men during their exile from their friends and homes — Sister Sarah & W. & B. Rotch

2d. day 24th. Occupied after the morning hours, assiduously in completing the equipment of the Winslow for her voyage. She left the wharf this afternoon and anchored below the island, I was detained at the C.J. House till about 9 O'clock — Mr. & Mrs. Snow were here in the ev. but my engagements with reference to the Ship's departure to morrow prevented my seeing them.

3d. day 25 — Rose very early to prepare a letter of instructions for Capt. Peare — Spent the forenoon in making the final arrangements for the departure of the Ship, and about noon went down with the Capt.n & one other of the Ship's men and little Frank, via Corey's boat to the Ship, which was already under way with Pilot on board and about 10 Clk and proceeded making a few tacks

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with moderate wind & fine weather till we reached a point from which the Ship could Stretch safely out of the bay, when the Pilot prepared to leave the Ship for the pilot boat in Co. — I had been engaged in writing &c in the Cabin — little Frank up and down as inclination prompted. — after taking leave of the Off.rs & men & ordering 1 doz. bibles distributed to such as were deficient of this important accompayment of the human Voyager whether in the literal or figurative sense, which, from the unexpected number deficiency which I inferred from the hasty enquiry which I had time to make I fear will prove inadequate to supply every Chest, we left the Vessel with her appropriate complement, to go on their arduous enterprise. May a kind Providence guide and protect them

to its successful completion — The wind declined and though fair for the Ship was unfavorable for our quick return ~~to the~~ we left the Ship a little before sunset and landed a few minutes before 1 Oclk — And found Ma chen th & Sister anxiously waiting our return —

4th. Day 26th. — Rose late, and spent the day principally at the Cf. House — called to see Charles Smith of Phila. who is on a visit to his sister — took tea with the family Sister Eliza being with us. afterward Ma chen th, Eliza & self made a visit at Uncle Williams'

5th. Day 27 — Went to the Cf. House before breakfast and was detained rather too late to participate in the whole of the devotional reading — attended to business & through the day and towards ev'g rode with Seary over Tarkiln Hill — my horse Harry rather stumbling — prevented the pleasure which I should otherwise have enjoyed — On return, rode Gipsy to

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to the Store and spent an hour
6th Day 28th Went to the Q. House be-
fore breakfast, & returned Seasonably
for the Social reading — Occupied thro
the day with Q. House duties where I
remained the rest part of the evg — re-
mainder at home

7th Day 29th Went to the Store and
the Rail Road depot before break-
fast, but was two minutes too late
for my object, returned in Season
for the Morning Reading — Spent the
day principally at the Q. House —
took little Ellen after dinner to Wm
A. Wall's to make a visit to his little
children, in the wagon, evg. also at
the Q. House, through a mis appre-
hension on my part of ma chen Hs
expectation to be at E Drinkers at tea
to meet some of her friends from Phil.
— not aware that I was causing her
the disappointment, till it was too late, I
was busily occupied through the evg.

1st Day 30th went to My C.H. Store and took a Salt water bath in the dock. after breakfast to the Mansion house to call upon Jno. P. Cope & Party. — an ade them to tea which they accepted, at the close of the afternoon met J. P. Cope & wife came home with me Chas H & Self — C.M. Morgan called down after by previous appointment with T.P.C. to go to the tower of the Am. Church — whither I accompanied them with Sue & Ellen & Isabel Morgan soon after return J. Job Tyson who with his wife am. in our absence and went out with a View of joining our party in the air, returned, he failing to find the entrance by which we ascended the Tower — Ch. Smith, with Sister Eliza and Elvira & Mary Drinker joined us at tea and Benj. S. Rotch came later in the eve — We had a pleasant Visit from our friend T.C. is one of the most prominent Citizens of Phila. for his Character, intelligence & wealth. his wife

139 very lady like and his son in law
(who is a lawyer) and his daughter very
agreeable intelligent & well informed
people
2d. day 31st. Went to the Mg. House be-
fore breakfast, but returned season-
ably for the Mg. reading — Rem. of the
day, except a call to Ch. Smith &
to ask his care of a small parcel for
one of our sons at Harv., and at the Man-
sion House to invite J. Tyson to go to the
Athenæum neither of whom I found at home
— my time was spent in the discharge
of Cy. House duties — thought the day
& eve. —
3d. day 9 mo. 1 — Rose earlier than u-
sual and went to market & to the Cy. Hse
preparatory to leaving home for Fall
River with Ma Chen H and three young-
er Children to visit Sister Lydia and
attend the Cy. Convention of the Friends
of Education and hear the annual
address of the Secy. of the Board of

Education Horace Mann — I stopped at the Pocasset House, and sent the Carriage with the others on to M. H. Ruggles — and then walked to the Methodist Meg. house where the Convention was assembled — the session was spent in the discussion of sundry resolutions relating to the subject of Education —, the formation of libraries for teachers, a uniformity of School books in each School for the Scholars of equal attainments in the same Studies — the means of correcting the great evil of the irregular attendance of the Scholars at the Schools &c — went home with Alice to dinner and was sorry to find that Sister Lydia was again an invalid with pain in her face &c — after viewing the premises and partaking of fine peaches of their own raising, and pears &c &c dined &c — Mr. Ruggles then H. & self went to the meeting of the Conv^n — and heard the address of Mr. Mann which as usual was very interesting &

portrayed with his peculiar vividness the imminent importance of using the means which Providence has placed within our reach to counteract the proclivity to evil which is incidental to those important & essential ~~selfish~~ appetites & selfish propensities on which the existence of our race depends — would that every inhabitant of the County could have been present to hear and profit as well as be delighted with his diction and imagery — at the adjournment of the meeting, we stopped at the Postoffice where he stays and had some interesting conversation with him — then rode to Micah's, took leave of little Lee and departed leaving Frank behind, at his own strong desire seconded by the willingness of his Aunt & uncle & Cousin Mary — to stay a day or two — — we then drove to Wm R Robinson's to make a short call — Mary Jane & come there on a visit with her cousin Ellen & Anna

Motley this forenoon, to spend a few days - They have a fine establishment, spacious and commodious, with pleasing natural scenery near & distant enlivened with a view of the adjacent Village and manufactories - We left about ½ past 6 & got well home a little before 9 O'Clk - I then called to see mother and take a present of peaches from Sister L -

4th Day Jan: 2 Spent the morng. in writg. & read at home - rem.r of the day principally ~~spent~~ at the Q House, but instead of the usual employment there, I was in the afternoon listening to the reading of a Manuscript by Mr Mudge on the Whale fishery as it respects the duties & prospects of the men employed, the owners &c - the incidental causes of disappointment and dissatisfaction on both sides, as the relationship between the two are now usually managed through the intervention of Letters &c - I think

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will of the plan of the work and hope it will be published, after the interview was ended I resumed my business and continued it into the eve — called at Mothers on my return & found that A. Roberson & family had returned — Sister A. being there as Mothers — all well after a pleasant journey — Mr Chenett took tea at Benj.n after visiting him in Jail. —

5th Day 3th went to the Office before breakfast and was there occupied much of the day & eve — called at Bro: Wm & A Robesons with reference to the return of Frank from his visit at his aunts at Fall River and stopped to see Aunt Mary when in the neighborhood, having been prevented by my occupations from calling on her for some weeks —

Our Children returned in their Uncle Wms Carriage towards eve — both having had a pleasant visit & come home well

6th. Day 4th. Went to the Cg. Room before breakfast & returned Seasonably for the devotional exercises — attended to Cg. House duties throughout the day and wrote at home late in the Eve. Mary was at a party at her Cousin Emma's to tea &

7th. Day 5th. Went to the R.R. Depot to forward letters & a parcel & order the purchase of an article to be also forwarded to St. John N.B. by the Steamer N. Am.a — by an error in the Town Clock I tho.t I was late and went with unusual Speed — but arrived in time, and was able to go back to my W.H. lot, and get the parcel which I had left thinking that the small attention of calling for it on my way to the Depot might be the means of leaving the letters & documents — as it had begun to rain and looked like a Storm on returning I went to the Sail Loft for a Sail to protect the plastering on the exterior of our Green house, which was just finished and marked off to imitate granite blocks. devoted the day after break-

part to Cg. House duties he called at Mothers and after dinner at A. Robesons previous to attending the Meeting at the Town Hall On the Question of Instructing the Select men to Grant Licenses for Theatrical entertainments, induced by preparations now in forwardness by the fitting up for the purpose of the old Cong.l Mg. House on Elm St. recently Called Concert Hall - for an exhibition of that Kind of Theatrical Representations Called "Vaudevilles" — The afternoon was rainy which was perhaps favorable for a fair expression of the Opinion of the Comty — as many of the laboring Classes were unemployed and could therefore attend the Mg. with more convenience — It was a very large one, every seat occupied and nearly all of the space in the rear and the aisles filled by persons Standing — In the State of the room discussion to general profit was out of the question and the question was soon put on the motion of E N Chaddock to postpone indefinitely the

whole matter — It was however decided unequivocally in the negative, but he and his coadjutors were not satisfied and a count of hands was called for and there were probably two to one against the motion — The Chairman or Moderator then put the main question whether or not the Select men should be instructed to grant Licenses for such exhibitions and decided as the best means of getting a fair expression of the sentiments of the meeting that the voters should pass before his desk and be counted — as soon as the aisles could be cleared the process was commenced and in about half of an hour the decision was announced viz 259 being in the affirmative and 404 in the negative — It is probable that the latter number might have been increased by the votes of many who were seated towards the front and could see the strength of the parties, who to save time declined voting being satisfied that the decision was in accordance with their wishes

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After this gratifying conclusion I repaired to the G. House, calling on the way to inform my mother of the result of the mg — and remained there occupied till about 10 Oclk. — making as usual when detained there my supper on a cake of Ship bread —

1st day 6 Attended Friends meetings and after the 1st went to the Jail to make my Bro. B. a visit my engagements of late having prevented my calling of late so frequently as heretofore, found him well — and sociable on any subject except the reasons of his own course in remaining there on which as on former occasions he seemed not disposed to give me the satisfaction which I desired — at the close of the afternoon mg. I went with little Frank to the Catholic Church, it having been announced in the public prints that a Doctrinal discourse would be delivered — we were there in good season and were shown to a forward seat which yet remained unfilled, a great many others followed

at a later period many more than the small house could accommodate — after sitting 10 or 15 minutes the Priest appeared from a door beside the altar — and coming forward turned and kneeled before the Crucifix, his lips move but nothing was articulated. after kneeling a minute or two he rose and began his discourse, on the real Presence of our Saviour in the consecrated bread & wine — he drew his arguments from the evangelists particularly the 6th Chapter of St John & the 11th Chapter of the 1st Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians and from the History of the Church for the first 1600 years — there having been but two solitary instances of denial of this doctrine whose heresy ended with those individuals till the days of Zuinglius and John Calvin — he repelled the imputation of Idolatry which had been maliciously cast upon them — for when they kneeled before the "host" it was not the elements which they worshipped but the

everlasting Jehovah who was mysteriously veiled within it — The priest was a Mr Riley who resides in Newport, an agreeable looking man of 30 or 35, his manner was solemn & deliberate and his language correct and appropriate without any appearance of harshness and asperity towards "his dissenting brethren" — This is the first time that I have been at the Catholic place of Worship — and I was agreeably impressed with the service and occasion — I think the institution though as now upheld comprises some important errors in faith & practice is yet venerable from its antiquity from the numerous models of Christian Piety from the highest to the lowest classes of intellect which illustrate its annals, and from the vast number if not the larger proportion of the Christian world which it now embraces — Returned I had a con-

versation with one of the members on the subject of Temperance as promoted by the wonderful instrumentality of Father Matthew in Ireland, and expressing a hope that his countenance here would afford us an equally powerful and encouraging example to aid in redeeming our land from intemperance and its long catalogue of evils — after tea we had a call from Cousin S.R. Arnold & D. Hardy

2d. day 7th. Spent the day principally in attending to G. House business - and continued it into part of the eve —

3d. day 8th. Engaged after breakfast in going to the Furnace about my sink for the washing room, in regard to which I have been somewhat disappointed, & took Frank & Ellen with me in the wagon — Stopping on the way to see the beautiful whaleboat which has been prepared for the great Bunker Hill Whig convention, to be drawn fully manned and

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equipped in the Grand procession on the 10th Inst — of which it will present with the accompanying delegation a interesting part — I then left the Children at their Grandmothers and went to enter the Ship Maria, arrived on the 7th Inst from her voyage to the Indian Ocean &c of 26 or 27 months with 800 bls Sp. Oil, the Agent, my nephew Samel being absent in Boston having left this day, to be present at the Fair for the Bunker Hill Monument, &c — after taking the Children home I repaired to my own C of House duties &c — had the company of our neighbors Sy & G. Hussey at tea &c —

— Lemel Cummins the Contractor for the northerly extension of Water Street yesterday began to construct the same by filling in earth on the Kempton and Patten Lots —

4th day 9th At home before break

park, occupied in writing &c — Spent the day at the Cg. House principally. took tea and Spent the evg. at home our little girls at a little party at Caroline Hathaways — Mr Snow Spent most of the evg. with us, we tried to persuade Mary to go with him to Boston to-morrow Mg. to see the Fair and grand Whig Bunker Hill convention &c — but her diffidence and want of self confidence in going among Strangers without her mother, made our persuasions ineffectual —

5th Day 10th walked to the R. R. depot before breakfast on business and stopped at my bath and took a cold bath returning — reached home in season for the family exercises. devoted the forenoon to my Cg. House duties. and in the afternoon wrote a piece for the Mercury against the theatrical exhibition, in favor of which another appeal is made to the public by the call of a second Town Meeting

Rode on horseback with Mary at Sunset, and in the ev.g attended a meeting of some of those friends of good Morals, to excite to activity to prevent the establishment of Adams' Theatre — called afterward to attend ma chen H home from Cousin Anna Rotch's, whom she visited this afternoon, all of her children being absent at the Boston Fair —

6th. day 11.h occupied at home before breakfast. the sun.t.g the day at the Cg. House forenoon at its appropriate duties afternoon occupied in writ.g a piece for the Mercury in opposition to the proposed theatre — took tea with ma chen H. and children with Sister Sarah, Sister being confined to her room & bed with a severe & sudden cold affecting her throat — about 8 o'clk went with W. Rotch, Chr. not hearing of return from Boston to hear a whig speech before the whig convention but he was not arr.d, the cars being delayed

by the heavy load and the accident of run-
-ning & killing a Cow — I continued my walk
to the Cg. House to write & do some other
business to avail of a private hand to
St. John — On return J. to C. H. Mr fell
in with W J Rotch going from the meeting
— who reported having had a fine speech
from Ogden Hoffman of Newyork. a
Member of Congress from that City — He
prevailed at the last election against
C. C. Cambreleng, whose ardent sup-
-port of the measures and minions pol-
-icy of the present National admin-
-istration forfeited the confidence of
his constituents, and he was superceded
by O. Hoffman — the Speech of this
gentleman who ranks high in his
City as a man of talents and legal
knowledge, was said to be a very
handsome and Scholarlike effort
as well as a good Popular Whig
Speech to animate to energy and action
in the great effort to change the Administration

of which there is a strong probability of success. . Mr Rotch returns with me to Sister Sarahs — his recent engagement of marriage with my niece Emily making him a constant and unceremonious visitant — Charles did not arrive as Sarah expected in the Cars this evg — but a letter was rec'd stating his expectation to return tomorrow — His strong interest in the success of the Whig Cause, induces him to give more time to the proceedings connected with the assemblage in Boston, than any other individual of the Family Connection — I have not been diverted from my usual engagements on the occasion — My wishes are for the election of Harrison, but his want of soundness on the great moral and political question of Slavery in the U. States prevents any enthusiasm on the subject.

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7th day 9 m°. 12 Oct. mostly about home
before breakfast - made an errand
to the brassfounders with reference to fig
tures for the Wash room - after break
fast attended to preparation as the
Cg. Hse &c for leaving home for Haver
ford to attend the Sons from School
and was detained thus till 2 Oclk
Then rode home, took a hurried
dinner - packed my Valise, took
leave and hastened to the Depot -
met in the Car Gen Hunter & family
Mr. & Mrs Davenport of Richmond
Mr Holmes & Mr Mongrieff - Ogden
Hoffman &c - reached Providence
in usual time - and there started
for Stonington - About 17 miles
on the way the engine failed and
the Cars stopped Started again but
could not get on - the Gentlemen

were then requested to walk up the hill — many got out and I with about 20 others continued our walk till near Kingston about 6½ miles — the train then overtook us, after the loco-motive had run on and sent back another engine — and we reached Stony Cr. about 12 Oclk — went on board the Michigan & I to bed —

1st Day 13 After a pretty good nights sleep rose about 6 Oclk, and went on deck — the weather cool but very clear wind fresh at N.W. — without unusual incidents we arrived at the City at 10 Oclk — I went to the Graham House in Barclay Street — and remained there till after the funeral dinner — then went in pursuit of bro Edr lodging & after several mistakes was put right

by our friend Ennis Mitchell whom I met in the street near her house — found Ed.d at home came to Jeff.n Mad.n Street & went with him to meet J. at the proper hour — after mtg. (at their new house in Orchard Street — I called with him at M. Underhill's hav.g met Joshua & Alice returning from mtg — and then went to my wife's Aunt Sally Haydock to see bro.r Henry who is a boarder there, and the family — staid to tea and after tea called at Walter Underhills — and then finished the evg. at Aunt Hadwen's and there saw Eby Cousin Eliza Barker & her daughters Anna & Eliz.th and Wm Mor — ris husband of the latter — and to my surprise learned that the young lady who walked so far and so briskly last evg was the former who with her brother Abm & probably Mr Ward with whom she is engaged to be married. It being so long since I had seen her that I did not recognize her

2d. day 14th — Left the Graham House after a hurried breakfast and took the Steamboat for Amboy — proceeded without the usual incidents and fine weather on the route and arr.d at Phil.a half past 2 — called at T. K. Morgans office in J— and then made enquiries about routes &c found that the train for Pittsburg by which I expected to go out to Harr.d at 6 Oclk did not start till 11 — I therefore proceeded to get my Valise & go to the exchange to take the Rail Road to Germantown — but getting there rather late I availed myself of the Omnibus for 1/2 a Dollar & walk to Wakefield — found only Sister Sarah at home Eliz.a being at Germantown & Lindley on whig Expedition — the latter however soon returned — Bro.r absent at Potts-

with the Ivy vine Some will have fastened the boys at Perry County — Eliz not the latter part of the wf — This place as beautiful as ever —

3d. May 15th. — Rose as usual and wrote a letter to Newyork before leaving my room — immediately after breakfast left off for the Car to Phila — met T. K. M. in the Car On arrival are walked together to the depot of the Col. Rail Road — and about 9 Oclk Started by horse power toward the inclined plain — but such was the delay incidental to taking the numerous freight cars in the line at the point near Broad St. where the Locomotive was attached, and to getting the whole up the elevation that we were scarcely on our way again for White hall till 10½ Oclk. — when I got out at about 11 — and then walked to the School where I learned that

Edmund & Thos. L their Cousin Redman had gone to Town in the Morning Car from West Chester — Their Superintendant having approved of this Course from the doubt of my being there and some uncertainty whether there would be seats enough for all in the Omnibuses which had been ordered out by the managers of the School to take in the Scholars — I met them our friend Isaac Collins — who invited me to ride in with his party in the Carriage and meet the boys who were to dine at his house both as I liked to see some of the Officers of the School, and the boarding house under the new administration. I declined the invitation and dined at Jos. Bartons with several of the managers viz John Elliot Josiah White David Scull - Edward Yarnall, one Townsman Matthew Howland was also

there — after dining — called at the Edwards — and then walked to Whitehall to go in the Locomotive train for the City — I was however again subjected to considerable detention both before starting and at the inclined plane, so that I did not reach town till near 5 Oclk — called at P.M. Morgan & Co's Office — and found the boys had been there — called there at Prof. Fisher's — without seeing him, and at Mrs Wharton's where I made a pleasant call on Cousin Deborah — and then went to Isaac Collins's to tea — and towards 9 Oclk went to Chs. Folwells' where my sons were again kindly received by their mothers Cousin Nancy — They with their cousin Richd. Folwell & Richd. Lawrence were on a visit to the Museum — and in about half an hour I had the pleasure of greeting them in good health — I learned that their Cousin Rodman had stopped

at the U.S. Hotel. I therefore changed my plan of lodging at ~~the~~ my Cousin Deborah Wharton's and went there also—

4th day 16th m. Left the U.S. Hotel before breakfast and went onboard the Steam B. New Philada and there found my sons and several others from the School going Eastward—viz. Richd J. Dand. Smith's wife and his two Children—went to pleasantby—and reached N. York about 2½ P.M.

While the boys amused themselves in walking round that part of the City I walked to Barrow & Prior's Cy. House, with Capt. Campbell One of our fellow passengers—and afterwards I called to see Aunt Hall and—and saw also their Cousin Sarah Howland and Elvira Barker & her daughters Eliz. & Sarah, the latter boy 16 mos. of the former & the little girl 8 mos of the latter, whom I had not before seen for several years—when she was a small Child now Mrs Harrison & a beautiful young mother—left again in the Steamboat Rhode Island at 5 P.M. & saw Castle Garden and the battery filled with spectators to see the descent of Lowiat in his Balloon—saw the latter floating calmly over the City at a considerable elevation. Some time after for a considerable period got the boys in their berths

I met onboard Rowland Hazard of S. Kingston and had some interesting conversation with him and Mr Whipple of Providence to whom he introduced me — the latter is a lawyer of the first standing, and evidently a very well informed and sagacious man.

5th day 17th New Bedford — The usual disturbance onboard the Steamboat prevented much sleep, and the expectation of having to land at 2 h Oclk induced the passengers to rise about that time, but a light fog floating near the horizon prevented the Light House being seen and the speed of the boat was therefore much checked to secure our safety by the use of the Lead line — It was therefore about 4 Oclk before we were prepared to move from Stonington in the Cars — halted at Kingston & reached Providence about ½ past 6 — when I despatched the boys with the other passengers, among whom there were a considerable number for New Bedford

in the Boston train for Mansfield — I went to the Steamboat Balloon for New York where I again had the company of Hetty Smith & her Children — after going through my morning ablutions — which the bustle of numbers onboard the Rhode Id. and obliged me in part to postpone — I walked through a part of the Town and called on two of my acquaintances to get some information about the Steamboat for Fall River &c — and occupy the time till 9 o'clk the hour of Steaming — We had a pleasant passage down the bay — the scenery partially obscured by fog for the first half of the passage & arr.d at Newport about 12 o'clk — I soon found R. K. Randolph with whom I had business, and completed the main object of my visit before dinner — dined at Townsends — and met Thos. Hazard of Vaucluse — after dinner rode to my mother's farm to see her tenant — and started again in the Balloon for Bristol —

at 3 Oclk, landed at Bristol, about 4¼ — and took a walk through the Town — at 4 40/60 h. M — embarked in the "King Philip" Steamer for Fall River — where I landed and took my seat in the Stage for New Bedford about 6 Oclk — and reached home about ½ past 8 — finding all pretty well, Sister considerably recovered from her Cold — the boys having reached home also in Safety at the usual hour of the arrival of the Cars — Thus has my journey been brot. to a happy Conclusion, for which and my numerous other blessings I desire to be duly grateful to the all wise Disposer of human events.

6th Day 18th — Occupied little towards 10 Oclk about home — had the usual devotional Reading before breakfast — called at Mothers on my way to the Cg. Office &c — — Afternoon considerably spent in examining & completing so far as the imperfect notes & recollection of the boys would permit, a State-

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ment of their Cash transactions since they last left home — made some inquiry relative to a Buggy or Wheel Gig — which the family are desirous of having — Rem: of the time at the C.J. House, — and W.J. with my family at home —

7th Day 19 — Engaged principally at home, in writing up my journal before breakfast, and afterward in consultations and measures relative to fixtures for our Work House, and clothes for our Sons to prepare them for their next Session called as mothers and Sister Anna's Spent a short time at C.J. House and took a Salt water bath from the Ship before dinner — Afternoon considerably occupied in negociation for a buggy our Gig being too Shabby to suit the family — Spent the rem: of the day and eve. at the C.J. House. to bring up my means of clothes there — Edmund dined at his Uncle Morgans —

1st. Day 20th — Attended Mtgs — Called to see Benj.n at the Jail and after the Second. at Sister Anna's. and Mothers, my Object being principally to see Mr. Tucker Martha's intended husband — He struck me as an amiable and interesting young man and I hope will prove himself qualified to promote dear Marthas happiness — I had seen him at Williams Wedding more than two years ago but not since till to day — we had our Mg. and ev.g devotional reading — ma chere H. detained at home by slight indisposition, and one or more of the Children staid with her — the others at mg — All with me P M at the Episcopal — Matthew Howland spent the ev.g with us

2d. day 21st morng at home, day devoted to business at the Cg. House & ev.g at home — not inclining to exchange its comforts & pleasures for the Satisfaction of hearing a Whig address by Robt. C. Winthrop, Ed. attended and

was gratified & detained till 10 A'clk
3d day 22. M.J. at home — forenoon
spent in makg. provision for the sea-
son in the article of Fuel. visited my
house now in progress of completion
as a dwelling for 4 families, called with
ma chere H. at Aunt Mary's to see my
Cousin Eliza Farran and her husband
the late professor of Cambridge College
— but to our regret found that they
had returned home this mg — Mr. F.
being much out of health — his ner-
vous system much deranged so that he
can sleep but very little — devoted
the afternoon to business at the C.J.
house & M.J. at home. except a
call with Frank, Sue, & the waiting
girl Eliz.h on the Belgian Grimes mons
B having been there before dinner
with ma chere H & little Ellen he is a
remarkably symetrical man of 33 years
of age 5 ft. in high & his mien & of
pleasing manners, expression & address, he

Speaks French & Italian & imperfectly
Irish — has been in this Country about
7 mos. and expects shortly to return to
his own Country, being tired of being made
a public Spectacle — Ed. & Mary went
at 6 A.M. Morgans at ten & returned at
11¼ — two pleasantly engaged to take note
of time — but not profitably, I fear.
4th. day 23. at home before breakfast
except the usual round to the market
— rem: of the day devoted to Cg. & the
duties, evg. at home
5th. day 24th — Mg. at home with the usu-
al exception of a visit to the Market
day devoted to Cg. & the duties. evg.
at home — Mary had a party of her
young friends, incld. J. Car & Fleming
and Ed & Thos. Male friends were also here
— The evg was apparently passed satisfacto-
rily in the innocent but not fashionable a-
musements adapted to the zest & buoyan-
cy of Childhood — (B.S. Rotch called late
in the evg. to attend his Sister home.

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6th day 25 — Morn J. at home. exhaust J. the Argand lamps not generally used &c — afterward devoted my time to Cy Asc duties — had a call from A D Rich? after dinner with reference to the pump of the Wash Room &c and made some preliminary consultation relative to the remedy of some inconvenience which we have experienced for the last few weeks ~~relative~~ from the W. Closets — took tea, with Mrs Chew H. & the 3 elder Children at Cousin Anna Robbs, and met C. W. & Sister Sarah & their two elder Children — The Marriage engagement of Wm & Emily being the occasion of the invitation, the first I believe given by Cousin Anna since her husbands decease — Our little Children were at Dr Reads at tea with their little folks —

7th Day 26th Called at Mkt. & A Robesons before breakfast — called at the Jail to

the Bens: after breakfast, and devoted the rem: of the day & evg. to Cg House duties the former part at the Cg. Hse & the latter part of the evg. at home — Our three elder children visiting at Bro: Williams at tea &c — I called at Mothers on my way home in the evg.

1st day 27th Mng. at home, partly occupied in arranging Temp: papers for distribution at the Sabbath Schools but owing to them being sent very late to me I did not succeed in time — attended the Episcopal Mg with mother H. & daughters A & C — P M at Friends — rem: of the day at home ~~reading~~ after the usual Mg. &c with the children called with mother H & and Ed. & Thos at our neighbors Geo. Hussey's — One of Gertrude's brothers (Robt) hav'g been a school fellow of the boys at Hounsfor[illegible]

2d day 28th Went to the Wkly. to the Mg. Basket Rodman's, to A. Robeson's & Seth

H. Ingalls to deliver lectures, before breakfast, rem: of the day at the C.J. House till 4 Oclk and then rode on horseback with Edmund & Mary to Padanaram, to the Southern extremity of the point and return by the west, and home by Rider's & the Smith's Mills road.- after which I spent an hour at the C.J. House before a rather late tea — called at Mothers to borrow and return her horse

3. day 29th Morng at home, business hours at the C.J. House & eve.g at a mtg. of the School Comtte on Holden Children arose at an exhibition of a juvenile debating Society of which the elder boys are honorary members — Sister Phebe seems much better having been visited with good effect the latter part of last week

4th day 30 Mtg. at home, and a considerable part of the forenoon was

occupied with the workmen in fitting up the Cistern pump in the Washing Room from which pipes are led to the Kettles and to the Green house above — rem^d of the business hours of the day devoted to business cares at the Cg. House — where I Went the early part of the day —

5^th day 10 m^o 1. Mtg. at Home — most of the day at home with the workmen who were employed in Searching for the defects about the Water Closet &c — a job involving some trouble in remov^g casings &c in the particular spot and in the Sink Closet in the Story below — but with which, and in applying the remedy, we succeeded much better than I feared we should — The defects appeared to be confined to the gudgeon to which the basin Valve is attached, which had become worn in the Socket by long use and to the oblique lead pipe below

the floor — when the soldering was imperfect either from an original defect or from the corrosion of the metal, which had become quite thin in that part — late in the afternoon I went to the C.J. House and there remained through the night —

6th day 2d — I was out before breakfast, at the Wharf. He but returned before the devotional Social reading — most of this day has been given to the mechanical operations about the house and premises, had the painter here to paint the pump, pipes and fixtures to the Water Closet, and the mason to repair some small breaches in the plastering, made more or omitted on a former occasion — latter part of the afternoon, at the Wharf. attend'g. to the removal of a quantity of Ice to the ice houses spent the night at the C.J. house to make amends for my absention of its

appropriate duties through the day —
I ought to have noticed yesterday a visit from Barzillai Worth who took up most of my time at the Cg. House till dark in explaining — an error in a deed given by my uncle Wm Rotch Jr. as executor of my grandfather of a piece of land at Edgartown by which a lot belonging to B. Worth's father was included — the deed was given about 12 years since, and recently by the improvement at that place the land has greatly advanced in value, so that the small part about 106 rods which belongs to B. Worth is estimated at 900 Dollars — an amt of great importance to a poor man like Worth — I called on return home at my mothers and mentioned the case to her as one of the heirs and a party to the deed — My Uncle is now absent in the neighborhood of Phila on his first visit to my Cousin Thomas, who is

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supposed to be very near the end of his mortal career by the steady progress of his slow, painful and incurable disease — B. Worth has once seen my Uncle on the subject but as he supposes from the natural effects of advanced age, he think he did not rightly comprehend it but referred him to J. H. W. Page his legal adviser, who Worth thinks will like an appeal to the law instead of an amicable settlement of the case according to equity by the parties or by referees mutually Chosen — My influence with my Uncle & that of other heirs was solicited to save the expense to both parties of a law suit which from its attendant expenses if the final decision should be in favor of the Claimant, the ends of Justice might be equally defeated as if he were now to submit to the loss of the property to which he is rightfully

and legally as he believes entitled
17th Day 3d Morng. at home, Spent
the forenoon in attendg. to my mercantile
duties as the agent of C.C. Stewart —
and at the Cg. Hse. — after dinner
had a call from J.F. Emerson and Jn°. R.
Thornton in relation to the Post Soc'y —
the cert. nos of which is now on hand
— I then devoted an hour or two to pre-
parg and distributing Temp.ce Papers
among the different Congregations
to be Spread through their Sabbath
Schools to-morrow — afterwards ap-
plied myself to my Cg. House du-
ties. through the Day and Eveng as
had the plumber called in again to
stop another slight imperfection in
the water pipe — and the casings
were again replaced, though in a
more simple form than before —
so that I hope no further incon-
veniences will again be experienced
to detract from the advantages of our

domestic pictures

1st day 4th mon. at home, at friends mg. forenoon & afternoon, walked from mg Asst. with Benj. Atkin to converse with him on the subject of the Port Soc.y — and obtained his assent to the Tonnage Contribution — had a call from Geo & Susan Howland, and from Martha Robeson & her affianced lover Mr. Ebenezer Tucker of Boston, her cousin Catharine and brother And.w L. Tuck, after dinner made a short call at the jail to see my bro.r Benj.a — and then went to see Abm. H. Howland on the subject of the port Soc.y mg. at home, had a call from Thos & Lydia Evans after the usual mg. we hear to day indirectly, by a letter from cousin Mary Emerson to her sister of the decease of their brother Thomas. whose slow & painful disease (cancer in the neck) has at length brot. his life to a close. he has been a great and most patient sufferer for the last two years. by which protracted and painful visitation of Providence

his mind appears to have been prepared for the final Change, and a feeling of resignation attained, and a quiet, peaceful State of mind which affords to his friends a comfortable hope that he has exchanged the sufferings of Mortality in one of the most painful and protracted forms of physical infirmity for a glorious and eternal rest.

2d. day 5th Morng. at home except a visit to the Market to supply our daily wants — day devoted to the business of the Port Society — the annual Meeting being now at hand and my duties as Collector not fully done — Rode over the River in this business and took Sister Phebe and little Ellen — In the evg. called at Cousin James Arnold's.

3d. day 6th. Still occupied by the business of the Port Society as Collector, on which I rode in the afternoon to Padanaram and took tea there &c. in the evg attended the Introductory Lecture of the Season

by the rev. Henry Ware Jr of Cambridge
— the subject was the Poetry of the Mathematics, and it was of a most delightful and instructive character.
4th day 7th Occupied much of the day in arranging my acct. with the Post Society as collector. The small sums and incidental manner of collection, or rather the collection in slow and small degrees, but not without much labor, and the acct. not so methodically kept as w.d have been best, made it a little embarassing to make my mem.o Cash acct. of this transaction agree with the book in which I made a schedule of the Ships under the care of the several agents, and the members, noting the time and am.t of each payment on these different receipts I made a state.t of Interest, as I am a creditor of the Society that my services should be in fact as well as in intention entirely gratuitous — Spent the eve.g partly in bring.g up my G.J. Journ entries — called at mothers on my way home.

5th Day 8th attended the Mg. of bank di-
rectors and spent the rest of the day
at the Cy. House — P.M. in looking over
a mass of documents relating to the
affairs of Ch. Russell & Son with the Bed.
Com'l Bank — Eve. at home — Mary
had a call from C. Perry & Emma Nye
to see the moon & through the Tele-
scope
6th day 9th went out before breakfast
to the Cy. House &c — and was detained too
late for the morning devotional reading
with the family — devoted the day to the
continuation of the Examination of the papers
relating to the concerns of the Bank with
the late Charles Russell & Son — and
to some attention to the Carpenters
who were putting steps to the riggers
loft at the Store and making some
alterations otherwise consequent thereon
Drank Tea at Sister Annas with mes
Chere H and the 4 Children less Frank
& Ellen — after tea which was early
to accommodate the wish of most of the
families — we went to the exhibition of
the inmates of the Asylum for the blind
which occupied most of the eve — I lost most
of the interest & ex. by having to attend the

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Mg. of the Ex. Ct. B. of the Port Society — We returned to A. Robeson's and finished the day

7th day 10 — Occupied at the C.H. the whole of the day was there before breakfast to accommodate the Carpenters in part — who are giving me more light by an additional window — went to the RR Depot at 10 Oclk in hope of meeting the Rev. Jn. Pierpont who was expected to arrive to address the public Mg of the Port Society to-morrow Evg — He did not then arrive — and in the Evg — my engagt. did not allow me to be there — In the Evg a call from Jos Ricketson informed me that he was at his home, I called to see him and invited him to dine to-morrow — I found he had intended to stop with me, had he not been invited by other friends —

1st day 11 attended Mg Ath at Fred

House and p — in the afternoon at the Un.ᵛ to hear Mr Pierpont who din with me — Mr Mudge called to see him while at dinner & in the ev.g was at the M.g of the Citizens to hear the report of the Ex.ᵛᵉ board of the Post Soc.y & the address of Mr Pierpont — The ev.g was not pleasant, some rain and the appearance of a Storm but the lower part of the large house Co. Middle & Purchase Sts was about full and a considerable number including a large Choir in the Galleries — The address was very appropriate and kept the attention of the audience fixed during the whole time of the discourse which ~~contin~~ occupied from an hour to an hour and a half — I trust the good effects of this meeting will be felt on the Cause of the Sailor through the Coming Year

2ᵈ day 12ᵗʰ Rose as usual and made preparation for a jaunt to Fall River with our boys & Mary to see their Aunt Mary and I having a further object to

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attend the Quarterly Meeting of the Pocas
set Cy — previous to Setting Out I called
with the Buggy to take Dr Thurpost from
Jos. Ricketsons to the R.R. Depot — but
finding that J Ricketson Jr. was prepared
with his horse to do the same service
I took leave of him — and after call-
ing at Mothers to get a parcel for
Sister Lydia and getting breakfast we
set off — about 8½ Oclk — ar. about
10½ — I stopped at the Office of the
Pocasset Cy — and the Children drove
up to their Uncle Micah's — after at-
tending to the business of the Cy — dined
at the Pocasset House — Then gave
further attention at the Office, and made
some personal examination of the real
Estate of the Comp'y — in the course of
which we stopped at the pottery and
saw the magical effect of the Potters art on
the clay — which from a shapeless lump
he in a few moments transformed into a
the desired form of utility — walked afte-
ward over part of the farm near the Shore
and then called at Sister Lydias — took tea &
set off for home at 6 — ar. at 8½, found my niece Anna Robeson with
our family at tea, they have dispensed the meal in our absence